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Bapu back
Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, joins all-religion prayer meeting at the site where Mahatma Gandhi was cremated at Raghai in New Delhi on Oct 2 during ceremonies marking his birth 120 years ago.
Mahatma Gandhi led the Congress Party during the struggle that led to independence from Britain in 1947. Although he advocated disbanding the party, it continued

Embassy rush
Kremlin seeks ban on strikes
MOSCOW, Oct 2. (Reuters): The Kremlin today proposed a ban on strikes for 15 months to try to prevent stoppages which President Mikhail Gorbachev said could lead to anarchy and threaten his reform programme.
In a speech to the Supreme Soviet, the inner parliament, Lev Voronin, a First Deputy Prime Minister, urged members to agree to outlaw stoppages in all sectors of industry in the last three months of this year and for the whole of 1990.
The ban was part of four-point programme providing for virtual military control of rail traffic in the volatile Transcaucasus region.
(See report Page 6)
Crowds of Soviet citizens jostled and hindered traffic outside the US embassy today as they clamoured for new forms to apply for emigration to the United States.

Laboured reversed disarmament stand
BRITAIN'S opposition Labour Party voted on Monday to drop its once-cherished policy of unilateral nuclear disarmament, which it adopted nine years ago.
(See Page 6)

Topsy Terrence
Hale ale
LONDON, Oct 2. (UPI): Police said today a drunken man escaped with barely a scratch after apparently being run over by a high speed express train in southern England.
British transport police in Bristol, 119 miles (190 km) west of London, said that Terrence Frimpton-Carter was taking a short cut across the tracks on Friday night and either fell or laid down.
Inspector William Tec said today the 43-year-old man was apparently too drunk to know the Express Cardiff to Portsmouth train had passed right over the top of him.
"It would appear the train might have passed over him while he was between the rails," Tec said.

Marcos motion filed Aquino stiffens grip on Manila

MANILA, Oct 2. (Agencies): Ferdinand Marcos' followers asked the supreme court today to overturn a ban on returning the late president's body from Hawaii. Loyalist leaders threatened protests if the tribunal turns them down.
"What we are asking for is for the family to be allowed to come back and bury the president," said Nicanor Yniguez, leader of Marcos' New Society Movement Party, after filing the petition with the clerk of court.
The court will consider whether to hear arguments on the petition at its regular weekly meeting tomorrow, officials said.
Armed forces chief General Renato de Villa said the military bolstered security in Manila during the weekend by moving in marine forces from other areas "for any situation that may arise."
"We do not discount anything," De Villa said, after presiding over a military high command meeting attended by Defense Secretary Fidel Ramos and commanders of regional and provincial units.
President Corazon Aquino has barred the return of Marcos' body from Hawaii, where he died on Thursday at age 72. She asked the US government to prevent any aircraft from returning the remains.
Aquino said today she would respect the court's decision but the issue was political, not legal.

Teens held after second attack on teachers
By Ali Al Masoudi
TWO teachers at the Jaber Al Mubarak Secondary School in Umm Al Hiran area were attacked by two students after the end of the school, it was learnt yesterday.
The two students identified as A.A. and N.M. chased the two teachers (one teaches English and other French) and stopped them near a roundabout at Umm Al Hiran area, and clashed with them using sharp instruments and sticks. But a patrol from Umm Al Hiran police station rushed

Amir opens Kuwait project in Niger

NIAMEY, Oct 2. (Kuna): HH the Amir of Kuwait today inaugurated a residential project here which was financed and executed by Kuwait.
The Amir was accompanied by Niger's President Ali Saibou, during the inaugural ceremony.
The project, completed in 1982 to mark the 13th meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference's foreign ministers here, comprises 45 residential units.
Niger's Housing and Public Minister Ishaq Othman in a speech praised and welcomed the Amir and his accompanying delegation.
Othman said he and the residents of the newly-built town are very proud and honoured by the visit of the Amir.
He stressed that the project will stand as a mark of friendship and co-operation between Niger and Kuwait.
The Amir donated the cost of completion of the complex social, health and educational services and ordered the construction of a cultural centre, clinic and a school.
The Amir and Saibou today also attended a horse and camel race.
The Amir held a round of talks yesterday with Saibou in which bilateral relations, Arab and international questions and other issues of common interests were discussed.
Kuwait and Mali yesterday called anew for the holding of an international conference to solve the Middle East crisis.

Lebanon debates division of power

TAIF, Oct 2. (Agencies): Lebanese members of Parliament haggled today over the balance of power between a Christian president and a Muslim prime minister under political reforms proposed by Arab mediators.
The heated debate in the Saudi Arabian mountain town of Taif, where the deputies have been meeting since Saturday, was over a "charter for national reconciliation" drafted by Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia.
One member of parliament described today's session on the controversial presidential powers as lively but not emotional.
"If they manage to sort this point out, they will have gone quite a way towards success," he said.
Conference sources said the deputies, discussing political reforms to grant the majority Muslims more power in the Christian-dominated system, argued over the powers to control the armed forces and form a government.
They said Christian deputies voiced fears that the Arab charter might lead to confusion in the sharing of authority between the president and prime minister.
Under the present system the President is always a Christian Maronite and the prime minister a Sunni Muslim.
The proposed changes include transferring some of the powers of the president to the prime minister and the cabinet and changing the present Christian-dominated Parliament to give Muslims an equal number of seats.
New tensions surfaced over a surprise visit to Iran by two key Muslim militia leaders, Druze leader Walid Jumblatt and his Shiite Muslim civil war ally Nabih Berri.
The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said most of the 63 parliamentarians, 33 Christians and 30 Muslims, interpreted the trip as an Iranian attempt to undermine the Taif conference.
Berri heads the Shiite Amal militia, and Jumblatt commands the Progressive Socialist Party. Together, the two factions comprise some 12,000 hardcore fighters, including tough Druze mountain warriors.
Tehran Radio quoted Berri as saying: "We are vehemently opposed to the plan submitted by the tripartite Arab committee to solve the crisis in Lebanon."
Syrian forces today returned a Lebanese fighter pilot whose plane crashed into the Mediterranean, defusing fears that the incident might set back Arab-sponsored efforts to bring lasting peace to Lebanon.
Security sources said Major George Serhal was handed over to former president Saleem Frangieh, a long time ally of Syria, at his residence in the northern town of Zgharta.
They said Frangieh had the pilot escorted to the Christian town of Jbeil where he was received by army officers at 6.30 pm (15.30 GMT).
Serhal had ejected nine hours earlier from his warplane after it developed technical problems and was picked up from the sea by a Syrian gunboat, the sources said.
Christian political sources said that unless Serhal was freed immediately the incident could have dealt a severe blow to peace talks in Saudi Arabia striving to strengthen a ceasefire in Lebanon and end its political crisis.

US prods Israel on Mubarak plan

WASHINGTON, Oct 2. (Agencies): US Secretary of State James Baker today prodded Israel to enter talks with Palestinian representatives under a 10-point framework outlined by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.
After a 45-minute White House meeting between Mubarak and President George Bush, Baker said, "what we would like to see happen is for the Israeli cabinet, which I understand is going to be meeting on Thursday, to conclude that they would like to go forward with discussions respecting a dialogue between Israel and Palestinians that could lead to elections."
His remarks were virtually identical to his comments at the United Nations last week after talks with Israeli Deputy Prime Minister and opposition Labour Party leader Shimon Peres and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens.
At that time, Baker said that Israeli failure to move forward on elections would require a new approach.
"We'll have to go back to the drawing board," he said at the United Nations.
Saudi Arabia, voiced its support today for Egyptian efforts to bring peace to the Middle East.



Policemen use tear-gas and batons to disperse Biharis demonstrating in Dhaka to demand early repatriation to Pakistan. (Reuters wirephoto)

'No problems'

Clash mars Bhutto visit

DHAKA, Oct 2. (Agencies): Police fired tear gas and struck out with batons today to disperse 2,000 Pakistanis trying to protest visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, witnesses said.
Demonstrators tried to force their way to a state guest house where Benazir is staying, wanting to present a written plea.
Police fired 15 rounds of tear gas and wielded steel-tipped batons to stop them, witnesses said on condition of anonymity.
Benazir arrived in Dhaka yesterday for the first visit to Bangladesh by a Pakistani head of government in 15 years.
The demonstrators are among 250,000 people known as Biharis, who demand repatriation to Pakistan. They opted for Pakistani citizenship in 1971 when Bangladesh broke away from Pakistan after a nine-month war for a separate homeland. Bangladeshis of what used to be East Pakistan said they were discriminated against by Pakistan's majority Punjabis and Sindhis.
The stranded Pakistanis live in 66 camps across Bangladesh. Few Pakistanis want them repatriated.
Earlier today, Benazir visited the national Memorial for Martyrs outside Dhaka honouring fighters who died in Bangladesh's war for independence.
The formerly warring nations later showed their improved relations by signing a protocol to promote exchanges in education, information, and arts and culture.
It was signed after Benazir held talks with Bangladesh President Hussain Muhammad Ershad, at which the two discussed the stranded Pakistanis.
Foreign affairs adviser Iqbal Akhand of Pakistan refused to give details other than to say they had "free and frank discussions" on all issues.
"We have no problem between us," he said without elaborating.
Bangladesh Foreign Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud said the two leaders will meet again before Benazir's departure tomorrow.
"It is a good-will visit," Islam said.
At a civic reception, Benazir referred to political and economic problems faced by her government in Pakistan.
Benazir has urged Afghan rebels, who depend heavily on her country's support, to unite and negotiate with the Soviet-backed government of President Najibullah.
"They must take not just military measures but political measures," Benazir said in a television interview for the BBC's "Panorama" programme last night.
She said the parties in the mujahedeen rebel government-in-exile should listen to their friends — "not just Pakistan, but others too" — who have called on them to broaden the base of their government and speak with one voice.

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Grand Bingo

Mr Noronha Joaquim Anthony has won the First Full House prize. He will receive KD100. Game No. 72 continues for the Second and Third Full House prizes.

Azhar asked to rule on mosque

NEW DELHI, Oct 2, (Kuna): The Indian government is seeking help of the world famous Islamic university Al Azhar, to issue fatwa (decree) on the controversial Babri Masjid-Ramjanam Bhooni dispute.

Indian mission officials in Cairo have met chancellor of the university recently. The fatwa which India wants is that the Al Azhar should ask Indian Muslims to give up claim of the 16th century place of worship, which Muslims claim a mosque built by emperor Baber and Hindus as birth place of Lord Rama.

The dispute has so far resulted in a number of clashes between the two communities. The case is at present before Lucknow bench of the high court, which has been asked to settle the title suit.

According to the Sunday Mail the latest government initiative is aimed to avoid a confrontation in November over a Hindu organisation Vishwa Hindu Parishad's plan to demolish the mosque and construct a temple in its place.

Earlier, Indian diplomats had sounded out the mufti of Grand Mosque of holy Makkah through emissaries. However, he is understood to have said that he is not in a position to issue fatwa because according to doctrines of Islam, only theologians had the power regarding such issue. Al Azhar is considered the most important theological seat of the Sunni sect.

The Indian government, the paper said, feel that once Al Azhar issues the fatwa, a petition can be made by any Muslim leader or a group of Muslims for asking members of the community to give up the claim.

The advice to be sought from the university is that the Babri Masjid-Ramjanam Bhooni controversy has been causing tension in India. "If the dispute lingers on it will only be harmful for the development of Islam in India."

Sri Lankan clash claims 31 lives

869 extremists surrender

COLOMBO, Oct 2, (Agencies): Sinhalese radicals murdered 24 people as soldiers retaliating an ambush shot and killed six extremists during a unilateral ceasefire, military officials said today.

The deaths occurred in central and southern Sri Lanka during the last 24 hours, the bloodiest period since a ceasefire was announced by the government on Wednesday.

One extremist committed suicide while in jail at Modirigiriya village in north-central Anuradhapura district, the officials said.

Yesterday's ambush at Girikola village, 40 kilometres (25 miles)

south of Colombo, also injured a Sinhalese soldier and a child, said the officials who cannot be identified under briefing rules.

The violence raised to 59 the number of people killed since the ceasefire was called for three days and then extended for three more days to end at 6 am (0030 GMT) tomorrow.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa asked the military to halt operations against members of the anti-government People's Liberation Front, but he also said soldiers had the right to defend themselves.



Marcos cronies plead

Supporters of ex-president Marcos ask the supreme court to reverse a decision by the Aquino government

ment barring the return of the former ruler's body to the Philippines. (Reuter wirephoto)

Teresa has chest pains but nothing to worry

CALCUTTA, Oct 2, (AP): Nobel laureate Mother Teresa developed chest pains, but physicians attending her said today that they did not consider her condition worrisome.

Doctors at the Woodlands Nursing Home, the hospital where the 79-year-old Roman Catholic nun was admitted Sept 5 with a high fever and irregular heart beat, said she developed the pains yesterday.

"She has been comfortable since then," one of the doctors said.

"There is nothing to worry about her health, and she is now all right," he said.

Mother Teresa's condition became critical twice after she suffered heart attack while in the clinic's intensive care unit on Sept 8.

When she showed signs of recovery last Friday, doctors allowed her to move about inside her room. "But now we have stopped that," one of them said.

Despite poor health in recent years, the Yugoslav-born nun has travelled widely, offering care and comfort to the destitute and the dying. She received a Nobel peace prize in 1979.



Benazir visits Martyr's Memorial

Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto lays a wreath at the National Memorial for Martyrs near Dhaka during the second day of her visit. Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan, became an independent state after a guerrilla war in 1971. (Reuter wirephoto)

Hurricane activity on the rise: expert

MIAMI, Oct 2, (UPI): Hurricane activity in the Atlantic may be entering a new, more powerful phase that could last up to 20 years, posing an increased risk to coastal states, an expert said.

William M. Gray, a professor at Colorado State University who forecasts hurricane trends, said hurricane Hugo, which slammed into South Carolina two weeks ago, and hurricane Gilbert, which ripped through Jamaica, Mexico and the United States last fall, are two prominent indications of that trend.

Gilbert had the lowest barometric pressure ever recorded in the Western Hemisphere, making it the most powerful Atlantic hurricane on record.

Gray said the new cycle of storm activity may not necessarily bring more hurricanes, but could produce stronger ones in the years ahead.

"It is the intense storms that have changed," he said. Gray said it already appears that intense storms are becoming more common.

The 1988 Atlantic-Caribbean hurricane season produced three storms with sustained, category 3 winds of 111 mph or greater — Gilbert, Helene and Joan.

So far this year, there have been two such hurricanes — Hugo and Gabrielle. Gabrielle did not make landfall, but created massive swells blamed for seven deaths in the northeast.

The Atlantic hurricane season begins June 1 and last through Nov 30.

Hurricanes are ranked on a scale of one to five, with five being the strongest. The strongest Atlantic hurricanes typically begin life off the west coast of Africa.

Gray said the more intense hurricanes may be the result of changes in the weather patterns over West Africa, which has experienced a prolonged drought since the late 1960s.

"It looks like the West African drought is breaking," Gray said. "They have had very active rainfall for this year, and last year was normal for the first time since the '60s."

Tornadoes and flooding targeted the hurricane-hammered southern United States today after storms destroyed a trailer park, killing a woman and toddler, and chased scores of people from their homes in Georgia and the Carolinas.

A twister tore through Lebanon, South Carolina, early today tossing a house trailer that stood through the hurricane onto a road and injuring its two occupants. Neither was hurt seriously, said Doris Browder, a dispatcher at the Berkeley county emergency medical service.

Rain continued to pour throughout the region today, falling on ground already soaked by rain that came with hurricane Hugo on the night of Sept 21 and pushing rivers and streams toward flood levels.

The US territorial island of Guam prepared today for tropical storm Colleen, which was expected to intensify to typhoon status overnight as it moved toward the northern Mariana Islands.

Desai 'no spy' Kissinger testifies

CHICAGO, Oct 2, (Reuter): Former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger testified in court today that he had no reason to believe former Indian prime minister Morarji Desai spied for the United States.

"My impression is that Desai is a man of great integrity," Kissinger said of the 93-year-old Indian leader who is suing author Seymour Hersh for libel.

At issue is a claim in Hersh's 1983 book "The Price of Power" that Desai was paid \$20,000 a year by the US Central Intelligence Agency during the administration of former president Lyndon Johnson to reveal Indian government secrets.

Kissinger, called to testify in federal court by Desai's lawyers, said the "United States had excellent intelligence sources in India during the administration of former president Richard Nixon, who succeeded Johnson in office and for whom he was national security adviser.

While he said he did not know the names of sources — "we didn't want to be briefed as to names" — he testified in response to several questions that he doubted Desai would have been among them.

Asked if Desai was reporting to the CIA in 1969, 1970 or 1971, Kissinger said: "I had no such reason to believe that."

Asked by Hersh's lawyer if he would have known, one way or another, whether Desai supplied intelligence, Kissinger said "to the best of my knowledge he did not."

And asked if he had any knowledge that Desai was a "star performer" for the CIA as Hersh phrased it in the book, Kissinger said: "I was not aware of that."

Hersh, who won a Pulitzer prize for exposing the My Lai massacre in Vietnam, testified earlier in the trial that he had several sources to support his claim. He sat at the table with his lawyers during Kissinger's testimony today.

Desai is at his home in Bombay, unable to attend the trial because of ill health.

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Fruits help fight cancer

LONDON, Oct 2, (Kuna): Fruit and vegetables could provide a vital weapon in the fight against cancer, leading scientists said here today.

They suggested, at the opening of a major international conference in London, that a change in diet could prevent lung cancer, cervical cancer and even AIDS.

American professor William Pryor of Louisiana State University said the human body could be attacked by oxidation in the same way as car tyres and windscreen wipers.

The process could cause cancer, but the vital vitamins C and D could prevent this.

He believed that the orange beta-carotene, found in carrots and other fruits and vegetables could also prevent the disease, he added.

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US health care is costly, inefficient

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2, (UPI): America spends more on health than other industrialized countries, but one in four dollars is wasted and millions of people go without basic care, suggesting the need for some form of national health insurance, a congressional report said.

The staff report of the joint economic committee said that nation also must shift its focus from care of the sick to health promotion—and particularly to discouraging behaviours such as smoking and illegal drug use that cost American \$200 billion a year in health costs and lost wages.

The report said the importance of changing the health system is increasing because the population is ageing, and called for more

research on problems that incapacitate the elderly such as arthritis, dementia and incontinence.

"Unlike other western industrialized nations, in America health care is a privilege, not a right. It is costly. It is inefficient. Access is not universal," representative James Scheuer of New York said in an introduction to the report, based on the testimony of 68 experts during hearings last year.

"Rationalising our health care system will be costly and complex in the short run. Not to do so, however, is even more costly—in terms of dollars spent, human suffering and even our international competitiveness," he said.

Scheuer said of the recommendations that

emerged from the nine days of hearings, "first and foremost" was that "national health insurance, in some form, must be implemented to assure that all Americans have access to high-quality, affordable health care."

At a news conference to release the report, Scheuer, chairman of the panel's economic and health subcommittee, said he would hold hearings early next year on successful foreign health programmes, and added he believed national health plan legislation would be considered by Congress in 1990.

The report suggested a system structured along the lines of the Canadian model, which provides universal coverage funded by tax revenues—and at the same time "has success-

fully moderated health care cost increases." Canada spends 8.6 per cent of its gross national product on health. America spends more than 11 per cent of its wealth on medicine, or \$540 billion in 1988, "far more" than other industrialized countries, the report said.

At the same time, "costs continue to soar" in America, with the bulk of the growth in spending directly attributable to inflation, rather than increases in population or improvements in quality, the study said.

The report estimated about a quarter of US health spending, or \$125 billion, "is wasted" on unwarranted procedures. Paperwork and skyrocketing malpractice premiums add billions more to the national health bill, it said.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

WASHINGTON: While most polls are tracking Americans' political preferences and their thoughts on the great issues of the day, two pollsters have been researching some beguiling trivia that may offer clues to other parts of the American psyche.

For instance: Do you put on both socks and then both shoes, or put a sock and shoe on one foot and then the other; how often do you weigh yourself; when visiting a friend's house and the shower curtain is closed, do you look behind it?

Mel Poertz and Barry Shroed have compiled this data into a book that bears the immodest and perhaps facetious title of *The First Really Important Survey of American Habits*.

"We've always been compulsive, obsessive collectors of odd tidbits of information. How many people wear torn underwear under their expensive clothes? How many unmatched socks lie lonely in dresser drawers?" The authors explain in the book.

Among the answers they found by surveying more than 2,000 people:

— Only 7 per cent of Americans admit looking behind a closed shower curtain when visiting a friend's house and that such surreptitious glances are much more common among women aged 21 and 34, of whom one-fourth say they look behind the curtain.

— 37 per cent of Americans never weigh themselves.

— 67 per cent of Americans say they spend less time in the bathroom than their mate does. The figure was the same for both sexes.

— 80 per cent eat corn on the cob by going around the ear in the circle, 20 per cent nibble from side-to-side, like a typewriter.

— 61 per cent say they would wear torn underwear, 39 per cent would not. Men were slightly more willing to wear the torn item, 68 per cent. Only 57 per cent of the women said they would.

Shroed and Poertz, who are involved in marketing and polling, say their survey represents the tastes and habits of 89 per cent of Americans aged 21 and over.

DALLAS: A deacon angry with other church leaders opened fire during a church meeting Sunday, killing two men and wounding a third, then fled, officials reported.

"Apparently, four of the church deacons were having a meeting," police detective R.M. Meek said. "An argument occurred between the deacons, and one of them produced a pistol."

Police Sunday night were preparing a two-count murder arrest warrant for the 30-year-old deacon, who fled the scene in his car. The suspect's name was withheld.

The shooting was reported about 1:30 pm at the living testimony Baptist church, a small brick church in a working-class neighbourhood in Oak Cliff.

"It was back in the back where they count the donations," said a churchgoer who asked that her name not be used. "I was just standing outside the church when everyone came out screaming and yelling."

Jack Earl Ray, 51, was pronounced dead at about 3pm at Methodist Medical Centre, and Artis Weaver, 60, died at about 2:30 pm at Parkland Memorial Hospital, hospital officials said. Both died of gunshot wounds to the chest.

The third victim, a 39-year-old man whose identity was withheld, was in stable condition with a gunshot wound to the lower back, hospital spokeswoman Jody Laje said. (UPI).

STANFORD, California: William Fairbank, whose work in low-temperature superconductivity laid the foundation for hundreds of scientific experiments around the world, has died at the age of 72.

Fairbank, professor Emeritus of physics at Stanford University, suffered a heart attack Sunday morning while jogging, university officials said.

His work involves the ability of some materials to offer no resistance to an electrical current if they are cooled to near absolute zero. It is the basis of a multimillion-dollar project to test a final unproven prediction of Albert Einstein's general theory of relativity.

Fairbank performed his first superconductivity experiment in 1947 with his brother Henry, also a physicist. (AP).

COPENHAGEN, Denmark: Hundreds of people cheered and threw rice as 11 homosexual couples got married on the day a new law allowing such unions went into effect.

The couples got married during a ceremony yesterday at the town hall. Hundreds of supporters waved flags and threw rice, while a group of Christian fundamentalists demonstrated nearby.

Denmark became the first country to give homosexual couples legal status when parliament approved a gay rights bill in May by a lopsided majority. Only the small People's Christian Party voted against the bill.

The law, which went into effect yesterday, gives homosexual couples nearly equal rights as heterosexual couples, but bars them from the right to adopt children.



Royal trophy

Britain's Duchess of York presents a trophy to Mana Al Maktoum of Dubai at Ascot, northern England, after his horse, Zilzal, ridden by jockey Walter Swinburn, won the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, with Polish President placed second and Distant Relative placed third. (Reuter wirephoto)

Police investigate

Di's letters dumped

LONDON, Oct. 2, (Reuters): Police are investigating how personal papers belonging to Princess Diana, the future Queen of Britain, came to be dumped in a field near her Colwyn home, a spokesman for the royal protection squad said yesterday.

He said the papers were found in two plastic bags by a cyclist near the western English mansion where the princess lives with her husband, Prince Charles. They included pink notepaper headed "St James Palace" and a postcard from the crew of a British warship.

A spokesman for the princess said she did not believe there had been any serious security breach, though today newspaper said some of the papers detailed her official engagements.

"Anything confidential would be shredded," she said.



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Top gun earns \$450m Legal eagle

NEW YORK, Oct. 2, (AP): Houston lawyer Joseph Dahr Jamal earned \$450 million last year to easily take the No. 1 spot on Forbes' list of the United States' highest paid attorneys, whom the magazine called "real champions of the American greed game."

Jamal, 63, who in 1988 earned more than Steven Spielberg, Bill Cosby, Michael Jackson and Eddie Murphy combined, walked off with a dazzling \$420 million for his victory in the Texaco-Pennzoil multibillion-dollar settlement, Forbes estimated. The magazine said bold estimates of his 1988 salary might be as high as 600 million.

The business publication's list, which appears in the Oct. 16 issue, said the high-priced advocates are rivalled only by entertainers and Wall Street money men when it comes to compensation.

The 63 trial lawyers and 71 corporate lawyers on the list earned a total of \$860 million last year, according to Forbes' estimates. On average, trial lawyers made eight times as much as their corporate counterparts.

The didn't have to endure the swings of the stock market or attend fancy Ivy League law schools, either. 12 of the trial lawyers on Forbes' list are alumni of the University of Texas Law School.

Jamal won settlements totaling an additional \$100 million from his personal injury practice—enough, Forbes said, to afford him a 19-seat Gulfstream jet.

By contrast, runner-up Herbert Hafif, a Claremont, California-based lawyer, earned a mere \$40 million last year.

No. 3 among trial lawyers was Gerald Michand, who earned 18 million last year, bolstered in part by a \$16-million verdict in a toxic shock syndrome case against Playtex International.

Swelling plight of US children Panel's alarming report

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2, (AP): A congressional report released yesterday by a committee on family life showed rising numbers of US children mired in poverty, and the Democrat who heads the committee saw scant hope on the horizon.

"We're launching millions of children on courses of failure," said Congressman George Miller, chairman of the House of Representatives select committee on children, youth and families. He cited the swelling ranks of children—particularly blacks and Hispanics—whose families' income lie below the poverty level.

Miller said the report paints a "disturbing" portrait of the plight of US children, many of whom never benefited from the economic expansion of the 1980s under former President Ronald Reagan.

"I really see very little that holds out the prospect that this will change," Miller said. "The prospect is that those incomes are going to stagnate."

Miller said neither the White House nor Congress has been willing to allocate enough funds for social programs to give families the support they need to help children grow up to be well-fed, healthy and educated enough to participate in the economy.

Congressman Thomas Bliley, ranking Republican on the committee, took issue with Miller's conclusion that the federal government, under Republican leadership, has ignored the

problem. Bliley said the net keeping so many children in poverty was not cast by Reagan. Instead, it results from social forces that are transforming families and sexual behaviour and leading more girls into teen-age motherhood.

"We have known for two decades that single parenthood is a prescription for poverty, regardless of race," Bliley said. "How you solve these problems I really don't know."

The challenge is to turn around the behaviour patterns, he said, "and unless we do that, we aren't going to solve these problems."

Bliley agreed with Miller that Congress was not likely to vote more money for social programs.

"You can always use more money, but I don't see it there with the budget crunch we're in," he said.

The 300-page report compiled statistics from a variety of sources. The figures showed that children were the poorest segment of the US population. In 1987, nearly 21 per cent of children under age 18 and more than 22 per cent of children under age 6 lived in families with incomes below the poverty line, compared with 12 per cent of the elderly and 14 per cent of people of all ages.

The childhood poverty rate rose from 15 per cent in 1970 to more than 18 per cent in 1980 and more than 22 per cent in 1983 before dropping to 20.5 per cent in 1986.

Swedes to test pill Controversial contraceptive

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 2, (Reuters): A Swedish hospital said today it would become the first in the world to begin testing a controversial French abortion pill as a contraceptive.

A spokesman of Stockholm's Karolinska hospital said the pill, called mifepristone or RU-486, would be tested on 30 women for six months to establish whether a single monthly dose could prevent pregnancy.

The drug, made by Roussel Uclaf Co., is available in France and China, where it is used for non-surgical abortions.

Professor Marc Bygdeman, head of the project, told Sweden's daily Dagens Nyheter that it was the effect of the pill on the womb which prompted the study of its use as a contraceptive.

He said the drug appeared to force the womb to reject the egg, making a pregnancy impossible.

"We think that if the pill is taken around 24 hours after ovulation it can prevent pregnancy," he said.

But France's socialist government, hitting back at conservative critics, ordered the drug company to distribute the pill again last October.



What a relief!

Aisling Barnett with her husband Colin and baby Hannah, shortly after Hannah's birth five weeks ago. Transplant surgeons are battling to save the life of Aisling Barnett after a plea for a liver donor was answered. Doctors said Aisling, developed acute liver failure after reacting to a drug prescribed after the birth of her child. She would have died on Monday unless a donor was found. (Reuter wirephoto)

4-month ordeal for 4 after boat capsizes

Adrift in Pacific

AUCKLAND, Oct. 2, (Agencies): An American and three New Zealanders survived nearly four months adrift in the Pacific Ocean aboard their overturned trimaran, which capsized in early June, police said today.

The four men drifted ashore on Great Barrier island, 56 miles (90 km) northeast of Auckland, late Sunday, 120 days after being capsized in high seas about 140 miles (228 km) off East Cape, New Zealand's easternmost point, they said.

Coast guard officials said apart from loss of weight, the survivors were in good physical condition.

The three New Zealanders—skipper John Glennie, 48, Phillip Hoffman, 41 and Rick Hellriegel, 31—told their story today to a packed news conference. The American crew member, 38-year-old Jim Nalepka, did not speak at the news conference.

The men's claims could not be independently verified and search co-ordinator Terry Knight, who worked on the original fruitless search for the vessel after it was reported missing on June 24, said he was baffled.

"It certainly doesn't fit," he said, adding that the men's account of their return to the New Zealand coast contradicted expert knowledge of the currents and winds in the area.

Transport Minister Bill Jeffries ordered an inquiry into why the trimaran had not been found earlier.

Glennie told reporters all four men felt the lack of exercise more than the lack of food during their four months adrift on the trimaran Rose-Neelie and he had lost 21 pounds (9 kg) during the ordeal.

"We had a lot of food in the boat and we rigged up a plastic sheet to catch rainwater. We were able to have cups of tea in the mornings," he said.

Glennie said the foursome left Picton, on New Zealand's south island, on June 1 "fully loaded for a long Pacific cruise."

The first leg of the voyage, to Tonga, was scheduled to last three weeks.

"On June 3 it was blowing hard and we took off sail and put out a parachute sea anchor. The winds reached 60 knots, then it dropped and the waves, without the wind to flatten them, stood up higher."

Some of the parachute lines fouled the structure of the boat and pulled it side-on to the seas.

"About 6 o'clock the next morning (June 4)

there was a huge wave and it just flipped the boat upside down. Thank God we were all below in the cabin," Glennie said.

He said the yacht floated on its crossbeams and cabin top.

"The bow was high and pointed away from the wind, so she was stable... I knew she was strong and unlikely to break up."

"Aft, under the cockpit, we built a platform above the water level and laid a mattress on it to form a cave-like living space. We slept jammed four-abreast on the mattress, which was 54 inches (137 cm) wide. We slept, read and played chess on it."

Glennie said the following day they cut a hole in the hull to gain access to the outside without having to swim through the companionway hatch.

"For the first few weeks it was survival rations," he said. "We all dived for every grain of rice that fell from a spoon. For liquid we had plenty of Seven-Up and Coke on board."

He said they lived mostly on apples and breakfast cereal. Catching fish was easy, Glennie said.

"The fish, mainly grouper, just swam into the cabin for us to catch. We did all right for food."

Glennie said he never gave up hope of being rescued.

"I had faith we would survive, but being together for four months like that isn't good."

"I don't really care if I don't see the other three again, ever, but I suppose that feeling will pass," he said.

Hoffman said they had no idea where they were until the last few days.

"Then the skipper said we were near land. I told him, 'I'll believe that when I see a gannet (bird)'. Then within an hour I saw a gannet, so I knew we really were near land," he said.

Hoffman said the men broke into an empty house after clambering ashore, changed into dry clothes and then telephoned the island's sole policeman.

Hoffman's wife Karen said she never lost hope throughout the anxious wait for news of her husband. "I was keeping my hopes up," I think that I would have held out until Christmas before I could have thought again whether it was time to give up hope."

Terry Wright said he still was puzzling over how the trimaran ended up on the coast of Great Barrier island.

"We can't work out how the boat drifted in a southwesterly direction, if it did," he said.

Giant Soviet boy in US for brain tumour surgery

ROCHESTER, Minnesota, Oct. 2, (AP): A 7-year-old boy from Kiev is already about 6 feet (180 cm) tall and weighs 200 pounds (90 kg) because of a rare disease that causes his body to grow too fast.

Igor is taking drugs to shrink the tumour from his tennis-ball dimensions to a size that doctors hope will allow surgical removal in about three months.

The benign but still dangerous tumour at the base of his brain, as well as his unusual size, are caused by an overproduction of growth hormone by the pituitary gland.

Igor seemed normal at birth, according to the family, but by six months, he was the size of a one-year-old. At one year, he was equivalent to a three-year-old.

When doctors in Kiev and Moscow had no treatment, Igor's mother wrote to the Red Cross in Switzerland, which advised her to write to doctors and hospitals in countries such as England and the United States.

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Women may infect men with HTLV-1

BOSTON, Oct. 2, (UPI): A cousin of the Aids virus linked both to leukemia and to a paralyzing disease can be transmitted from women to men in some cases, although it apparently is spread much more easily from men to women, researchers reported yesterday.

In the first study to carefully analyse how the HTLV-1 virus is spread sexually, researchers found the virus seems to be spread most commonly from men to women, but that men who have other venereal diseases can be infected by women sexual partners.

"HTLV-1 seems to be spread predominantly from men to women, except where there is an ulcer on the skin," said Dr Edward Murphy, an assistant professor of medicine at the University of California-San Francisco, who led the study. HTLV-1, which stands for human T-cell leukemia virus type 1, is most common in the Caribbean, Japan, Africa and Central America. Still rare in the United States, the virus is believed to be spreading among drug addicts.

A member of the same class of viruses as the Aids virus, HTLV-1 has been linked to a rare but deadly form of leukemia known as adult T-cell leukemia and to a paralyzing disease, most common in the Caribbean and Central America, called chronic progressive myelopathy.

Although HTLV-1 was believed to be spread primarily in the same ways as the Aids virus — through blood and semen — the exact modes of transmission have not been well established.

Dr William Blattner of the National Cancer Institute, who helped conduct the study, said the findings offer the first definitive evidence that, while transmission of HTLV-1 from women to men is rare, it can occur.

"For the first time, we defined risk factors for female-to-male transmission. Until now, male-to-female transmission has been accepted, but female-to-male was not thought to occur at all," he said.

In the new study, Murphy and his colleagues compared 113 patients at clinics for sexually transmitted diseases in Jamaica who were infected with the virus to 13,000 uninfected subjects.

The researchers found that for women, but not for men, having had more than 10 sexual partners appeared to nearly double the risk of being infected with the virus.

For men, a history of penis ulcers appeared to more than double the risk of being infected with the virus, and having syphilis appeared to more than triple the risk, the researchers found.

The findings suggest that an opening in the skin is necessary for men to be infected with the virus through sexual contact, the researchers said.

"We conclude that HTLV-1 is transmitted from infected men to women during sexual intercourse. Our data are consistent with the lower efficiency for female-to-male sexual transmission of HTLV-1, but penile ulcers or concurrent syphilis may increase a man's risk of infection," they said.

In other developments, thousands of Aids patients have stopped taking a Japanese drug that had showed promise in the test tube, apparently because of adverse word on a study released yesterday that indicates the drug, taken orally, is ineffective against the deadly disease.

"I know people who are still taking it, but probably nowhere near the numbers that were a year ago," said Derek Hodel.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore published a study in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* concluding that taking the anti-cholesterol drug dextran sulfate as a pill is apparently useless against Aids.

Health workers face 50-50 chance of infection

Gambling with Aids

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 2, (Reuters): Lorraine Day does not practise unsafe sex or use intravenous drugs. Yet, according to one expert, she faces an almost 50-50 chance of infection with the virus that causes Aids in the next five years.

Day is a doctor who spearheads a campaign to encourage more protection for healthcare workers against the possibility of contracting Aids.

Chief of orthopaedic surgery at San Francisco General Hospital, Day says one in 10 of her patients has acquired immune deficiency syndrome or the virus that causes it.

"I almost got it Friday," she said during a recent interview after a colleague stabbed her accidentally with a blood-soaked instrument. "I almost got stabbed clear through. We were working on a drug addict."

"Fortunately, I had three pairs of gloves on," she said, "and it only went through two. Every time that happens, it could be the end of my life," added Day, who says she probably handles the blood of as many Aids patients as anyone in the country.

The American academy of patients prior to surgery as well as improved operating room techniques

to prevent doctors from getting the disease.

It also said all health care workers, including doctors, should be similarly tested on a voluntary basis.

The recommendations by the academy, which represents the nation's orthopaedic surgeons, are similar to proposals that Day has been advocating for months.

She complains that the federal Centres for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta has not researched whether Aids can be transmitted via sweat, coughing, sneezing or microscopic blood particles that linger in the air after an operation has ended.

Day wants to test all of her patients for the HIV virus before operating on them, saying that knowing their status will allow better protection for herself and the patient. But gay rights leaders and some colleagues argue that mandatory testing would violate patients' civil rights.

Benjamin Schatz of the National Gay Rights advocates, an organisation of lawyers, said discrimination by healthcare workers was a major problem encountered by people who had tested positive for the Aids virus.



Manuel Clouthier dies

Manuel J. Clouthier, who as a candidate in the 1988 presidential election brought conservative ideas back to Mexican politics, died in an auto accident in his native Sinaloa state. He was 55.

Thousands of supporters marched through the streets of the state capital, Culiacan, late on Sunday carrying the blue-and-white flags of his National Action Party with a black-bow ribbon sewed on one corner as a sign of mourning.

In Mexico City, about 200 supporters gathered around the Angel of Independence monument holding signs that read, "Thank you, Maquío," Clouthier's nickname.

Mourners listened to National Action Party leaders as they addressed a rally remembering Clouthier. (Reuters wirephoto)

Drug abuse is a serious problem

Majority of Americans say

NEW YORK, Oct. 2, (AP): Nearly one-third of adults in the United States know someone who uses cocaine, but most say drug abuse is not a serious problem in their own neighbourhoods, a poll has found.

While President George Bush pursues a multimillion-dollar war on illegal drugs, saying they are "sapping our strength as a nation," just 14 per cent in the survey called the problem "very serious" where they live.

Still, 61 per cent in the Media General-Associated Press poll identified drug abuse as the nation's greatest problem overall, a level that has risen steadily in opinion polls as the issue drew increasing political and media attention.

Among that majority, barely more than a third expected the problem to lessen in the next decade. And respondents split sharply on whether the best line of attack is against drug producers, dealers or users.

Majorities came together, though, in opposing some priorities of Bush's programme. While most of its funds are for law enforcement, for example, 60 per cent said treating drug users

will accomplish more than punishing them.

Moreover, a 57 per cent majority said building more federal prison cells for drug offenders — as Bush has proposed — will fail to reduce drug abuse.

Despite those differences, nearly three-quarters of the 1,071 respondents were convinced that the Bush administration is making a serious effort. And two-thirds said the federal government can reduce drug abuse significantly.

Respondents were split on whether Bush's \$7.9 billion plan spends enough money, too little or too much. About half wanted anti-drug money taken from other programmes, while a third favoured raising taxes. The rest were unsure.

The poll, conducted Sept. 14-24, had a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

Investigators have found evidence linking the border cities of El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico to the 20 tonnes of cocaine seized in Los Angeles — the world's biggest haul.

Bogota reels under blasts

BOGOTA, Oct. 2, (Agencies): Nineteen bombs rocked four Colombian cities at the weekend, injuring seven people, in the widest series of attacks since drug lords declared war on the government five weeks ago.

Police said bombings last night and early today damaged a theatre in Bogota and wrecked a supermarket in the northern city of Sinclejo, near the Caribbean sea.

Bombings last night in Cali, 400 km (250 miles) to the southwest, damaged a soap factory, an electrical plant and an office of the conservative party, police said.

Three people, including a two-year-old baby girl, were injured when a grenade was thrown into a Cali home.

Other targets of the weekend bombings included six Bogota high schools, police said. A rocket fired at an oil tank in Bogota apparently did not go off.

The most important drug suspect seized since Colombia began a major drug crackdown six weeks ago will be flown to Bogota in a matter of hours to face drug smuggling charges, authorities said today.

Evaristo Porras Ardila, linked to the powerful Medellin cocaine cartel, was being held in the southwestern city of Pasto after being deported from Ecuador last night.

The department of Administrative Security (Das) said he would be flown to the capital in a few hours and brought before a judge to face the smuggling charges.

Porras is not on the list of 12 "most wanted" suspects whose extradition is sought by the United States.

But Das spokesman Diva Rojas said he was the most important drug suspect caught since the crackdown began on Aug. 18. A defence ministry spokesman described him as a "trafficker of the first order."

The Bogota daily newspaper *El Tiempo* said Porras was the administrator of the Medellin cartel's operations in southern Colombia, especially its Amazon jungle cocaine laboratories on the borders with Brazil and Peru.

Ecuadorian authorities said Porras was deported last night on grounds of having an expired visa and using falsified documents.

They said Porras, who was arrested on Wednesday in his Quito apartment, lived in Ecuador under an assumed name since 1987 and ran a Quito company that did foreign trade in farm machinery, glassware and industrial security equipment.

Porras altered his appearance and used contact lenses to change the colour of his eyes, they said.

El Espectador, another Bogota daily, quoted an unidentified police official as saying 500 officers and soldiers tried to capture another major trafficking suspect in a raid on Saturday 50 miles (80 kms) north of the capital.

Saturday's raid was near the town of Pacho, where troops last month seized 18 ranches belonging to Rodriguez, *El Espectador* said. Police seized \$196,000 in burlap bags and 40 guns.

Officials of the Supreme Electoral Council, responsible for organising the elections, said the turnout was heavy. Lines formed at several registration centres in the capital Managua.

Voters will also be able to register on the next three Sundays. Those who do not register will not be able to vote but there is no other penalty for not registering.

President Daniel Ortega, arriving to register with his wife Rosario and two of their eight children, said the elections would be the most democratic in Nicaragua's history and for this people had to

Pope, Runcie to work for unity of Christians

Anglican ordination of women an obstacle

VATICAN CITY, Oct. 2, (AP): Pope John Paul II and Anglican leader Robert Runcie signed a declaration today pledging a renewed search for unity but noting that Anglican ordination of women remained an obstacle.

The white-robed pontiff and Runcie, in wine-coloured robes, signed the declaration in the papal library at the end of Runcie's first official visit to the Vatican.

"We solemnly recommit ourselves and those we represent to the restoration of visible unity, and full ecclesial communion," said the

declaration. Runcie, who as Archbishop of Canterbury is spiritual head of the state Church of England and leader of the world's 70 million Anglicans, said the commitment to continue talks on unification within the 850 million Roman Catholics should not be dismissed as "a pure academic exercise."

He told a news conference that his four-day trip allowed him to build trust with Vatican officials and discuss ways to revive and spread religious practice.



(Re) united we stand

Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie (left) and the Pope smile after signing a joint declaration pledging to work for reunification of their two churches. (Reuters wirephoto)

Talks useful: ANC

Misconception of whites removed

LONDON, Oct. 2, (Agencies): The African National Congress said today its secret talks with Afrikaner intellectuals in Britain had given the white South Africans a better understanding of ANC goals.

But the spokesman said press reports of ANC officials meeting a formal delegation of the Broderbond — a secretive Afrikaner organisation close to the ruling National Party — were untrue.

"We think it was useful contribution to clearing up some misconceptions," an ANC spokesman said in London. "People who come expecting to find bush fighters, their faces twisted in terror, in fact find sensible human beings who care about the future of their country."

But he said the organisation would not meet the Broderbond. "It's possible some were members, but this was a meeting with Afrikaner intellectuals, not Broderbond," he added.

The ANC, fighting to overthrow the present white-dominated system and introduce black majority rule, is officially regarded as a terrorist organisation in South Africa. It was banned by the National Party in the early 1960s.

The Johannesburg Sunday Times named

President F.W. De Klerk's brother Wimpie as head of a Broderbond team for the meeting in the countryside near London yesterday.

The ANC was represented by information chief Thabo Mbeki.

A formal meeting between the ANC and the Broderbond, whose 12,000 members exert strong influence in business, politics and the Dutch Reformed Church, could mark significant progress in moves towards reconciliation in South Africa.

F.W. De Klerk, sworn in as president last month, has vowed to reform South Africa's apartheid system of racial segregation. Officials have even hinted that ANC leader Nelson Mandela jailed since 1962, might be released next year as a gesture of reconciliation.

The ANC spokesman would give no further details of the weekend talks, but said he did not rate them as very significant.

"We've had 20 meetings with Afrikaner intellectuals in recent years, in various places, most of them unpublished. This only aroused so much attention because of the press reports that we were meeting Broderbond," he said.

"We will have to wait and see what happens in the long run."

The British Foreign Office confirmed yesterday that the meeting was taking place, but said it was playing no role in the contacts. The South African embassy had no comment.

In Umata, South Africa, anti-apartheid leaders joined tribal chieftains in an unprecedented challenge to Pretoria's black homeland policies at the funeral of a Xhosa chief in the black Transkei homeland yesterday.

Dozens of black political, trade union, and church leaders were among 10,000 people at the funeral of Chief Sabata Dalindyebo, tribal king of the Tembu clan and cousin of jailed nationalist leader Nelson Mandela.

Angolan rebel leader Jonas Savimbi said yesterday, he will seek more "active involvement" by the United States in efforts to break an impasse in talks aimed at achieving a settlement to Angola's 14-year civil war.

Savimbi spoke with two American reporters about the situation in his homeland, where hopes for a peace accord that were raised in June have been set back by intermittent fighting and a deadlock in talks between the rebels and representatives of the leftist government.

Guinea: President Lansana Conte, in a speech to the nation last night marking the 31st anniversary of Guinea's independence from France, promised Guineans a new constitution and a multiparty political system.



Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, salutes supporters as she arrives to attend the burial of Chief Sabata Dalindyebo in Bumbank yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Nicaraguans register to vote in February polls

MANAGUA, Oct. 2, (Reuters): Thousands of Nicaraguans registered yesterday to vote in February elections viewed as the toughest electoral test the leftist Sandinistas have faced since they took power in a 1979 revolution.

About 4,300 centres across the country registered voters. The government says nearly two million people are eligible to vote.

Officials of the Supreme Electoral Council, responsible for organising the elections, said the turnout was heavy. Lines formed at several registration centres in the capital Managua.

Voters will also be able to register on the next three Sundays. Those who do not register will not be able to vote but there is no other penalty for not registering.

President Daniel Ortega, arriving to register with his wife Rosario and two of their eight children, said the elections would be the most democratic in Nicaragua's history and for this people had to

thank the Sandinista Front for toppling former right wing dictator Anastasio Somoza.

The Sandinista Front will face its most concerted challenge at the polls from the opposition National Union, which groups 13 opposition parties. Several of these parties boycotted the last elections in 1984.

The registration centres were each staffed by three officials, one of whom had to be nominated by opposition parties.

Vatican officials also promised him a response soon to a 7-year-old report by an Anglican-Catholic commission outlining possible theological agreements between the churches, Runcie said. Anglican bishops have already accepted the report.

Vatican and Anglican officials have been holding talks since 1966 on unifying their churches, which split apart four centuries ago over the pope's refusal to annul King Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon.

The declaration signed today noted problems raised in recent years by the ordination of women in some of the Anglican communion's 27 self-governing provinces, including the US Episcopal Church.

"The question and practice of the admission of women to the ministerial priesthood in some provinces of the Anglican communion prevents reconciliation between us even where there is otherwise progress towards agreement in faith on the meaning of the Eucharist and the ordained ministry," the declaration said.

However, Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, president of the Vatican's Council for Promoting Christian Unity, told the news conference: "This meeting has absolutely not been dominated by the theme of the ordination of women."

He called the ordination issue an obstacle "to be considered and overcome."

Runcie re-emphasised that his appeal for some sort of leadership role for the pope over all Christians was not intended to have "constitutional or political implications" or mean that Queen Elizabeth II would be ousted as temporal leader of the Church of England.

"I was talking about spiritual leadership," the archbishop said.

But the Rev. Ian Paisley, a Northern Ireland protestant leader and anti-pope activist, charged in an impromptu news conference of his own: "Here we have Dr Runcie in Rome, trying to dethrone the queen and enthroned the pope."

Runcie followed his three predecessors in travelling to the Vatican. In 1960, the late Geoffrey Fisher became the first Archbishop of Canterbury to visit the Vatican since the Reformation.

President Suharto said today that pope's visit to Indonesia next week shows high religious tolerance in this predominantly Muslim nation.

The president made the statement in a meeting with the national committee for the pope's visit, headed by Bishop Leo Sukoto.

Bishop Sukoto said the president stressed the importance of demonstrating this tolerance during the pope's six-day visit.

Catholics account for only 3 per cent of Indonesia's 175 million people. Ninety per cent are Muslims while the others are Hindus, Buddhist and Protestant Christians.

Panama arrests

PANAMA CITY, Oct. 2, (AP): An opposition politician said police have arrested an opposition leader and supporters who were touring remote provinces urging people to join a boycott of the military-controlled government.

Ricardo Arias Calderon, a former candidate for vice-president, was arrested with two aides yesterday in Veraguas province, 180 miles (290 kilometres) west of Panama City, according to Guillermo Cochez, a fellow Christian Democratic Party leader.

He said military police had detained the nine on charges of civil disobedience. Officials of the defence forces said they knew nothing of the arrests.

The group had been urging people to delay paying taxes and utility bills as a way of increasing economic pressure on Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, head of the defence forces and Panama's de facto leader.

The opposition also advocates a boycott of the lottery and gambling casinos, which the government controls along with most of the country's utilities.

Officials of the defence forces said they knew nothing about the arrests. "Officially, we have nothing," said an officer at the defence forces press office in Panama City.

Amsterdam helps addicts

Methadone replaces heroin

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 2, (Reuters): A dozen drug addicts wait near Amsterdam's main theatre complex for the bus that will give them their daily dose of methadone.

For the past 10 years, special buses have made rounds of the city centre to dole out the heroin substitute to thousands under a controversial programme that puts humane treatment of drug addicts above cure or punishment.

When the sleek bus — equipped as a modern clinic — pulls up, the addicts board for a chat with two nurses who hand out the doses and check off names.

"Did you have a good vacation?" nurse Joop Leyten asks one woman as Irish folk music plays softly in the background.

"Where's your boyfriend today?" he continues as he pulls out a small plastic phial with her dosage and watches her drink it.

He gives fresh needles to another addict who has thrown five used syringes into a special container — part of a needle exchange programme to reduce the spread of Aids.

In this way Amsterdam has earned the trust of its 8,000 heroin addicts.

For years the methadone bus programme was derided by hardliners as too permissive, contributing to Amsterdam's reputation as the drug oasis of Europe.

It has gained acceptance because it has given Amsterdam a head start in battling Aids, which can be contracted through blood transfusion, shared needles or sexual contact. Addicts are particularly vulnerable if they share syringes or resort to prostitution.

Amsterdam has two methadone buses that make six stops, servicing about 1,500 addicts a day. Other city clinics and private doctors give out the drug to another 3,000 addicts under a programme which costs the city three million dollars a year.

Some 4,500 are now enrolled in the programme, but over the years practically all of Amsterdam's 8,000 heroin addicts have come into contact with the scheme.

The bus is used mostly by those who live a transient existence and may want to pick up methadone at different stops on various days of the week.

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Cambodia may get Soviet weapons

BANGKOK, Oct. 2, (AP): Moscow may supply increasingly sophisticated weapons to the Cambodian government if it is threatened by the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge guerrillas, a Soviet journalist and political analyst said today.

But the Soviet Union would not become directly involved in the conflict, Edward Ryabtshev of the Soviet government's Novosti press agency said at a Soviet embassy press briefing.

Oleg Smirnov, an information officer at the embassy, said Ryabtshev spoke unofficially, but that his views reflected the thinking of senior political planners in Moscow.

Ryabtshev said that if the war between the Cambodian guerrillas and government forces began to escalate, "very sophisticated weaponry may appear in Cambodia. If they (Phnom Penh) ask us to supply more weaponry, we will do it."

The radical communist Khmer Rouge are the strongest of the three guerrilla factions fighting the Phnom Penh government. They have 30,000 to 40,000 men, by Western estimates, and are well supplied with arms by Beijing.

Backer

Ryabtshev said if the Khmer Rouge "strategically threaten Phnom Penh, you may see something, but not at the moment."

The Soviet Union is the major backer of the Cambodian army.

Ryabtshev said the Soviet government supported the bid of Thailand's Prime Minister Chuan Choochavan to turn the Indochinese peninsula into a zone of economic co-operation.

"We think about how to turn Cambodia into a prosperous state," he said. "Vietnam is crying out for foreign investment, they are in need of money, everything."

Vietnam, also backed by Moscow, has been starved of Western investment since it invaded Cambodia in late 1978. Last Tuesday, Hanoi announced it had completed the final withdrawal of its troops from Cambodia.

In recent days, fighting appears to have escalated inside Cambodia, with non-communist guerrillas claiming to have scored major victories against Phnom Penh forces, and the Khmer Rouge reportedly moving against a garrison in the gem-rich town of Pailin.

Ryabtshev said Moscow was considering ending its presence at the naval base of Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam as part of its policy of reconciliation in Asia. This could be a unilateral decision, but it also depended on decisions taken by the Philippines, which plays host to major US bases, he said.

Blamed

However, the Khmer Rouge remained as the major destabilising influence in the region, said Dr. Alexander Belchuk, a diplomat at the Soviet embassy in Bangkok.

The Khmer Rouge is blamed for the deaths of hundreds of thousands in Cambodia during rule between 1975 and 1978. Vietnam ousted the Khmer Rouge from power in late 1978.

Some doubt the ability of the Cambodian army to resist the Khmer Rouge Hanoi's troops.

Ryabtshev said he could not envision a situation in which the Vietnamese army would return to Cambodia.

Film makers employ high-definition TV techniques

TOKYO, Oct. 2, (AP): The technology that will deliver the television of tomorrow to living rooms around the world also will bring more spectacular special effects to movie theaters.

"The electronic cinema is a new medium to everyone, and we are still at the stage of trial and error," Nagisa Oshima, president of the Japanese Society of Cinematographers, told a daylong seminar today about

using high-definition technology to make movies.

She spoke at the third Tokyo International film festival, where film-makers and other experts hailed HDTV technology as a new movement in Cinema.

The technology pioneered in Japan produces startling clarity by using twice the number of horizontal scanning lines and a wider screen. In movies, the same techniques produce images that appear more real.

"We are still groping for the best ways to take advantage of the new technology," said Oshima, who directed the avant-garde classic "In the Realm of the Senses."

The festival audience watched winning entries from June's Montreux International Electronic Cinema festival in the medium that relies heavily on computer

graphics and special effects.

Italian carmaker Fiat won the grand prize for a 25-minute promotional film, "A Date With Robots," that took a family on a magic carpet ride inside a video game, also shown was a commercial for a Fuji video copying machine done by an American company, Rebo High Definition Studio.

"Optical special effects are very expensive to make on 35-millimeter film, so we

are experimenting with integrating film with HDTV technology," said Barry Rebo, president of the New York production company.

Film-makers have discovered that technology employed in HDTV can reduce by one-half the costs of producing special effects, said Hidetaka Sacki, director of the new visual industry office in the ministry of international trade and industry.

The effects are created on video tape then transferred to film.

High-definition technology also can alter the way movies are exhibited and distributed. Instead of sending cans of film around the world, film distributors will be able to use communications satellites to broadcast films to receivers in HDTV theatres.



Imelda sits next to the casket of her dead husband as friends and close supporters attend mass. (Reuter wirephoto)

Actor denies romance rumours with Imelda

Hamilton named in Marcos fraud

NEW YORK, Oct. 2, (AP): Actor George Hamilton has been described by federal authorities as an unindicted co-conspirator of former Philippines first lady Imelda Marcos, a newspaper reported today.

Hamilton's name appeared on documents filed in US district court in connection with the case against Mrs. Marcos, according to New York Newsday.

"I can't give you any information," said Hamilton's agent, Tom Corran.

An indictment last October charged that Mrs. Marcos and her husband, the late Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos, diverted \$168 million from the Philippine treasury into US real estate and art works.

Assistant US attorney Charles Labella would not say why Hamilton was on the list of unindicted co-conspirators, according to Newsday.

Also named were Manhattan real estate developers, Joseph and Ralph Bernstein, who are brothers, and the Marcos' children, Irene, Imee and Ferdinand Jr., the newspaper said.

The Bernstein brothers have told a congressional hearing that they managed the Marcoses' New York real estate investments.

An unindicted co-conspirator may have done something to advance an alleged criminal conspiracy, but did not necessarily know they were doing it.

The list of unindicted co-conspirators was included in a retrial motion filed by one of Mrs. Marcos' co-defendants, California Overseas Bank.

The actor, known for his portrayal of a vampire in the movie "Love At First Bite," has denied rumours that he and Mrs. Marcos were romantically linked.

Hamilton's name previously has come up in connection with legal action against the Marcoses, specifically, in a lawsuit by the Philippines government against the Marcoses.

Alan Bersin, an attorney for the Philippines, said the suit alleges that the Marcoses invested in a Beverly Hills house owned by Hamilton.

'War games a threat'

SEOUL, Oct. 2, (AP): The defence ministry charged today that annual exercises by North Korean and Soviet naval and air units in the Sea of Japan are expanding and pose a threat to regional stability.

In a statement, the ministry claimed that the annual exercises, held since 1986, have been getting larger, and the most recent exercise in September involved more than 30 aircraft and 40 warships from the two communist allies. Exact dates and locations for the manoeuvres were not given.

The ministry warned that "there will arise a grave situation unless the North stops such acts immediately."

The North also "is stepping up efforts to develop its own nuclear arms by building a nuclear treatment plant" while demanding that the Korean peninsula be made a nuclear-free zone and that US troops withdraw from the South, the ministry statement contended.

These steps are "proof that the North has not given up its strategy to comminate the entire South by force," it said.

'Stop burning US flags'

SEOUL, Oct. 2, (AP): The government today warned radical students to stop burning US flags, and ordered a crackdown to halt anti-American protests on college campuses.

"The government cannot help being deeply concerned by the deplorable activities occurring at some universities recently, where students are profaning a traditionally friendly nation's flag," Information Minister Choe Byung-Yul said in a statement.

Radical students, a small but powerful minority on college campuses, have burned American flags and effigies of America officials to demand withdrawal of the 43,000 US troops based in South Korea. The students claim the Seoul government is a front for US military rule.

The two Koreas are bitter enemies who technically remain at war since no peace treaty was signed when the Korean war ended in 1953. The United States has some 43,000 troops in South Korea under a defence pact against the North.

Protest to free dissident

TAIPEI, Oct. 2, (AP): More than 1,000 people demonstrated today outside a jail to demand the release on bail of a well-known Taiwanese dissident, arrested upon his return from 10 years of exile in the United States.

Inside the prison, guarded by barricades and some 600 riot policemen, Taiwan's high court prosecutor Chen Yao-Neng questioned publisher Hsu Hsin-Liang for the first time about sedition charges against him in connection with riots a decade ago.

The demonstrators, mostly members of the opposition Democratic Progressive Party, waved banners and shouted: "Hsu Hsin-Liang not guilty." Several protesters set off firecrackers to celebrate Hsu's return.

The protest ended four hours later without violence.

Chen Shui-Pien, Hsu's lawyer, had applied for his release on bail, saying the charges were outdated and groundless, but prosecutors said Hsu did not qualify for bail.

Chen labeled the ruling politically motivated and vowed more demonstrations to press for his client's release on bail.

Hsu, 48, was arrested last Wednesday after coast guards found him hiding in a fishing boat off the southern Taiwanese port of Kaohsiung, where he was trying to sneak back into the country.

In 1980, military prosecutors filed sedition charges against Hsu for his alleged involvement in anti-government riots in Kaohsiung in 1979.

Reform, China urged

Haig fails to condemn killing

BEIJING, Oct. 2, (Reuters): Former US Secretary of State, Alexander Haig, told an audience of senior Chinese officials today that economic and political reform were inseparable.

Haig is the best-known American to pay a public visit to China since June 4, when troops crushed student-led protests in Beijing, killing hundreds, perhaps thousands of people and leading to a cut-off in new loans from the West.

He was the top speaker at a symposium on economic co-operation sponsored by the China International Trust and Investment Corporation (Citic) which opened today. He is in China as a private citizen.

The symposium was closed to the press but in a copy of his speech obtained by Reuters, Haig makes no direct mention of the killing, referring only to a recent "political upheaval."

"History teaches us that the paths of economic and political reform converge as a nation ascends the higher road of development. It cannot be the business of the United States or other mature democracies to determine when and how those paths will meet in China or any other nation."

"We cannot remake the world in our image or expect other nations to accept our values. Yet, it can and must be our business as free peoples to cherish those values, to defend them and promote them peacefully."

"Anyone who would have contact with the US and the democracies of this world must understand that," he said.

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who declined an invitation to be the keynote speaker at the Citic symposium, is due to visit China in early November.

Haig said danger, setback and upheaval were the constant companions of economic change.

"The wisest course, however trouble in the short term, is the one that offers the most progress for the greatest number. That is why we all support the Chinese resolve to continue with the programme of economic reform," he added.

China celebrated its 40th year of communist rule yesterday with a fireworks spectacular that drew large crowds onto Beijing streets, but the tightly controlled birthday party was subdued by heavy security.

Up to a million people took part in the capital's carefully orchestrated festivities, and tens of thousands of others took to the streets to watch as multicoloured fireworks barges lit up the night sky and cannon salutes thundered through the city.

But the city centre was largely deserted as thousands of armed troops and police sealed off the area near central Tiananmen Square.



A protestor sits on top of a mock tank in London's Chinatown on Oct 1 during demonstrations. (Reuter wirephoto)

Rally for democracy

Chinese protest

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2, (UPI): In China, the government commemorated the 40th anniversary of Communist rule. Across the globe, thousands of Chinese protesters rallied in solidarity to "show foreign support for democracy" in the people's republic.

"We want to do as much as we can to change the current situation, the repression that is going on now in China," said Li Gang, an organiser of the national day rally, which brought crowds of students and protesters to the US capital yesterday despite a steady downpour.

"We want a China with more freedom and democracy and more human rights. We don't want this issue to die," Li, 29, said of the massacre of pro-democracy students at Tiananmen Square in Beijing on June 4.

"We want the current regime to be overthrown," said Chun Shen, a student at UCLA. "We want freedom of the press and assembly. The people should control the country for the people. We want to show foreign support for democracy in China."

US park police officer Tom Pegula said about 3,600 students from all over the country attended the four-hour rally at the Lincoln Memorial. The drenched demonstrators then marched 20 blocks to the Chinese embassy.

The students identified themselves by carrying their school banners.

Archbishop Penman dies

SYDNEY, Oct. 2, (Reuters): The Archbishop of Melbourne, David John Penman, died in hospital yesterday, more than two months after suffering a heart attack, a church spokesman said today.

Best known in Australia for championing the ordination of women as priests of the Anglican church, Penman came to international attention in 1988 through his efforts in Iran to

secure the release of Beirut kidnap victim Terry Waite.

Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, was taken prisoner while visiting Lebanon in an effort to mediate the release of other hostages.

The church spokesman said Penman, 53, had a lifelong interest in the Middle East and spent four years as a missionary in Beirut from 1972.



Stamps to commemorate visit

A series of four new stamps is to be issued Nov 8 to commemorate the visit by Prince Charles and Princess Diana to Hong Kong. The stamps come in four denominations: (left to

right) HK60 cents, \$1.40, \$1.80 and \$5. (Reuter wirephoto)

Kaifu pledges to fight opposition efforts to abolish sales tax

TOKYO, Oct. 2, (AP): Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, in his first major policy address since taking office Aug 9, said today his government will strive to restore public trust, but vowed to fight opposition efforts to abolish Japan's new sales tax.

"It is the most urgent task for the cabinet to restore public trust in politics," he said. "I am determined to promote political reforms."

On the three per cent sales tax that contributed to severe election setbacks for

his party in July, he said: "I am not considering abrogation at all."

Kaifu said the tax "is absolutely essential for Japan's future."

Opposition parties, which gained control of parliament's upper house in July for the first time in the 34-year history of Kaifu's Liberal Democratic Party, presented legislation Thursday to replace the sales tax with other levies.

Kaifu's address to parliament came one day after his party won a by-election in

Ibaraki prefecture (state) to fill a vacancy left by the death of an LDP member of the upper house in August. The leading opposition candidate campaigned mainly on a platform of abolishing the sales tax.

Yesterday's by-election was closely watched because it was the first since the LDP's July setback and the first since Kaifu replaced Souda Suke Uno, who stepped down as prime minister to take responsibility for the election losses.

Uno's predecessor, Noboru Takeshita,

had stepped down in June to take responsibility for a widespread influence-peddling scandal. A series of sex scandals, one involving Uno, also hurt the party.

The LDP still controls the government because it holds a majority in the more powerful lower house. But analysts say the party is expected to face an uphill battle to retain that majority in elections that must be held by next July and are widely expected to come earlier.

New-Look Byblos Center Opens



The new center that's lavish in design and decor is considered to be the finest center for cosmetics and fragrances in the world. It has grouped together all the world renowned cosmetic products under one roof to provide the fullest services to the clientele.

Labour votes to drop unilateral nuclear disarmament

BRIGHTON, England, Oct 2, (AP): Britain's opposition Labour Party voted today to drop its once-charished policy of unilateral nuclear disarmament, which it adopted nine years ago.

At its annual conference, the socialist movement opted for a new platform that would commit a Labour government to scrapping Britain's nuclear weapons only in a negotiated arms deal.

The delegates voted by 3.6 million to 2.4 million for the new policy, after moderate

trade union leaders swung the huge votes of the entire membership behind party leader Neil Kinnock.

Votes are counted in millions at Labour conferences because of the block vote system. The result was greeted with scattered applause.

Anti-nuclear activists had accused the party of betraying its principles.

"Britain does not need nuclear weapons; there is no Soviet nuclear threat," declared Tony Benn, a former cabinet minister and

veteran left-wing Labour legislator, during a sometimes impassioned debate.

Benn said every Labour legislator was elected on the party's pledge to scrap Britain's nuclear arsenal unilaterally.

"We can't go back on this pledge," he said, as about half of the 1,500 delegates cheered.

However, Gerald Kaufman, the party's foreign affairs spokesman, said Labour's proposed new policy of giving up Britain's nuclear weapons as part of a negotiated arms deal was backed by voters.

"We have produced a document which fits the facts, which fits the fact of the (Soviet President Mikhail) Gorbachev era, which fits the facts of progress on disarmament between the superpowers," Kaufman said.

The new policy seemed certain of adoption. Labour leader Neil Kinnock, his party

leading the Conservatives in opinion polls for the past four months, has secured support from most of the trade union leaders, who control 90 per cent of the voting power at the party's conferences.

The non-nuclear doctrine is believed to have been a key factor in Labour's successive defeats by Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher since Labour first lost power ten years ago.

Kinnock has pledged that if Labour comes to power, it will retain Thatcher-era laws requiring union leaders to ballot their members before calling a strike. Kinnock has also denounced the "naïve, shopping list socialism" of Labour's hardline leftists.

In polls published yesterday five surveys

commissioned by national weekly newspapers showed Labour between five and 12 points ahead of the Conservatives.

Britain's biggest trade union, the Transport and General Workers' Union, has rejected the new defence policy. However, its leader, Ron Todd, said he was resigned to its adoption.

Under the nuclear new policy, a Labour-led government would retain Britain's submarine-launched Polaris nuclear missiles and drop its previous pledge to shut down US nuclear bases.

Bonn pleads for refugees

Police resort to violence in Prague

BONN, Oct 2, (Agencies): The West German government today urged East Berlin to allow a second wave of East German refugees in Poland and Czechoslovakia to emigrate to the West.

As many as 700 new arrivals were reported at West German embassies in Czechoslovakia and Poland this morning.

In Prague, police resorted to violence to prevent East German refugees from entering the embassy compound. In one incident, policemen tried to drag away a man who clung to the embassy fence, but a diplomat from the mission hurried to the scene and put his arm around the refugee.

East Germany accused Bonn today of breaking its word over the deal allowing thousands of East Germans to leave West German embassies for the West and ordered it to eject newly-arrived refugees from the missions.

The official ADN news agency said East Germany's mission chief in Bonn "resolutely protested" to chancellery office Minister Rudolf Seiters that West Germany had allowed more people into its embassies in Prague and Warsaw after promising to stop the flow.

"Ambassador (Horst) Neubauer told minister Seiters the East German side regards this as a gross breach of trust. He insisted East Germans in the West German embassies in Prague and Warsaw be ejected and return to East Germany," ADN said.

East Germany, meanwhile, had harsh words for the nearly 7,000 refugees who emigrated to West Germany during the week-end.

"With their behaviour they have trampled on moral values and excluded themselves from our society. No one should cry any tears for them," said a government statement issued late yesterday by the state ADN news agency.

West German Foreign Ministry spokesman Juergen Chrobog confirmed a newspaper report that Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze played "an important and helpful role" in getting East Berlin to release the refugees.

Chief West German government spokesman Hans Klein told reporters that Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and Chancellor Helmut Kohl have consulted over the refugee issue "since the start" of the exodus of East Germans.

Klein said Kohl's last call to Gorbachev was on Friday, and "an answer arrived yesterday."

In mid-September, East Germany's communist leaders registered strong protests when Hungary's liberal leaders opened their border to the West and thousands of East Germans fled.

But during the weekend, East Berlin reluctantly agreed to allow another exodus. No sooner were East Germans told they could leave, however, than hundreds of others were reported at Bonn's embassies in Prague and Warsaw.

The exodus through Hungary continued overnight. Border authorities in Bavaria reported 1,051 new arrivals by early today. In all, about 2,000 refugees fled through Hungary during the weekend, officials said.

Combined with the releases from Prague and Warsaw, the total East German influx has swelled to nearly 10,000 since Saturday, raising the total number of emigrants to 32,000 since Sept 11.

West German law automatically grants East Germans citizenship on arrival. Kohl's chief of staff, Rudolf Seiters, issued a new appeal to the hard-line leadership in East Berlin to agree to the East Germans' release.

Seiters added a call for reforms within East Germany.

East German police played cat and mouse with political activists in the darkened streets of East Berlin last night, thwarting a new independent reform group from holding its inaugural meeting.

The West and sightseeing by the 65-year-old

Ulster police probe leaks

BELFAST, Oct 2, (Reuters): Northern Ireland police today began investigating reports that a secret underground group within its ranks has leaked security documents on IRA suspects to a Belfast newspaper.

The nationalist Irish News said the group, calling itself "The Inner Circle," was dedicated to "the removal of Republican terrorists" and vowed to smash the 1985 Anglo-Irish accord that gave Dublin a say in the daily running of Northern Ireland.

The paper said it had acquired detailed files on 233 Irish Republican Army suspects and republican activists on both sides of the border which were of a much higher security rating than anything leaked before.

In a widening security scandal that has angered Dublin and deeply embarrassed Britain, Northern Ireland police are investigating at least seven leaks of security information which may have been passed by rogue British policemen and soldiers to Protestant killer gangs fighting to keep the north British.

Many of the lists say they fear for their lives and Northern Ireland police chief Hugh Amessley has called in a 17-man team of detectives from the British mainland to probe the leaks.

One of the team's detectives went on Friday to interview Irish news journalists over what potentially could be the biggest security scandal to hit the Northern Ireland force.

A former British soldier also anonymously sent a British provincial newspaper details of 150 other suspects because he said "I wanted to demonstrate further the inadequate vetting procedures and the shambles of internal security."

The ex-soldier told the Northern Echo: "Anyone from an army cook to a paratrooper is issued with montages like this in Northern Ireland. However, when you leave, no one debriefs you or tries to track down where restricted documents go."

"There must be hundreds of ex-servicemen who have these montages and other restricted information."

Last week a 20-year-old British soldier serving in West Germany was brought back to his former posting in Northern Ireland for questioning about a montage of nine IRA suspects sent to the British tabloid newspaper the Sun.

On Saturday he was charged under Britain's Official Secrets Act.

Sim Fein, the political wing of the IRA, announced today afternoon that they also have top secret British Army documents in their possession. A spokesman said 49 people from both sides of the Irish border were named in the photographs.

Some of the photographs had been marked with an "X" and the word "zap" written across them, the spokesman said.

He said four people named in the list have been killed in controversial circumstances. One of them was killed in the Irish Republic.

A bomb exploded outside the police station of a small town 20 miles northwest of Belfast, heavily damaging the town centre and slightly injuring three people, police said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast late Sunday in Randalstown, but suspicion inevitably fell on the Irish Republican Army.

Belfast police headquarters said in a statement that the injured were two civilians and a police officer.



Hail Yeltsin

10,000 Muscovites gathered in central Moscow late Oct 1 to rally in support of Communist Party rebel Boris Yeltsin, who himself, did not appear but sent a recorded message which was played out to the crowd.

Thousands of Soviet television viewers yesterday heard Boris Yeltsin warn of a "revolution from below" if radical economic changes did not happen within a year.

Yeltsin's remarks, during his recent lecture tour of the United States, were shown only days after the Communist Party daily Pravda reprinted an Italian newspaper article accusing him of drunkenness and high-living during the trip.

A special commission of the Soviet parliament has been appointed to investigate the allegations against Yeltsin on his US tour, for which Pravda has already apologised. (Reuters wirephoto)

Azeris blockade to cripple Armenia

All trains stopped

MOSCOW, Oct 2, (Reuters): a renewed blockade of trains running from Azerbaijan to the neighbouring Soviet republic of Armenia has stepped up political and economic tensions in the volatile Transcaucasus region.

Senior railway official Hambarsum Kanzelyan said in the Armenian capital Yerevan today that last week's brief suspension of the blockade was now over.

"For the third day running, not a single train has arrived from Azerbaijan," Kanzelyan said, calling the blockade "barbarous."

Severe shortages of fuel and factory supplies in Armenia have threatened to exacerbate tensions with Azerbaijan over the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Activists in Nagorno-Karabakh, a predominantly Armenian region which has been

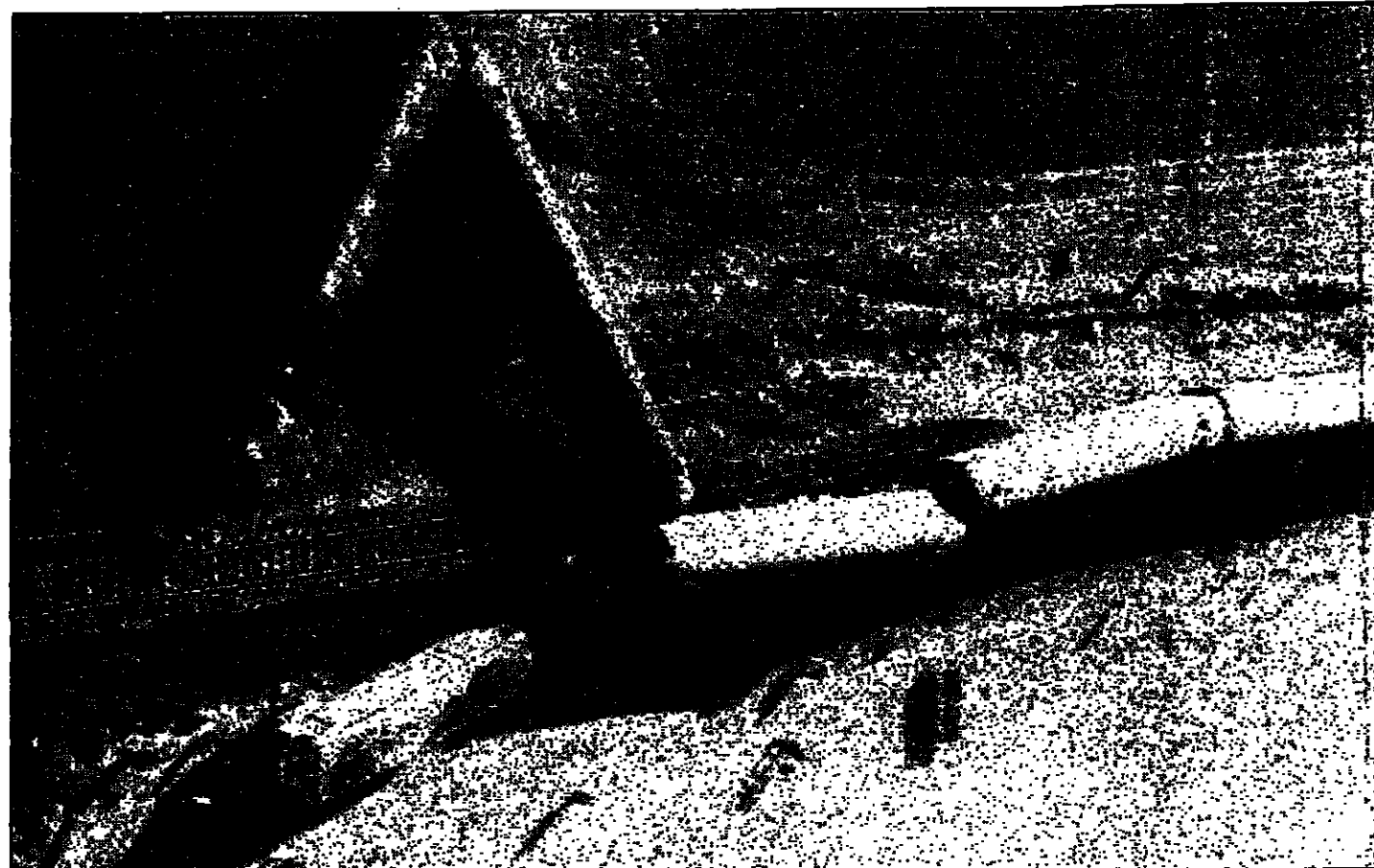
under Moscow's direct control since January, are demanding the area be detached from Azerbaijan.

At the weekend a Kremlin official was quoted as saying hundreds had died in clashes over the territory. He warned the area could turn into "a homemade Lebanon."

Kanzelyan said the continued economic pressure on Armenia was a direct challenge to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who on Sept 25 gave the leaders of both republics two days to resolve the blockade.

A spokesman for the central railway ministry in Moscow confirmed that nothing was getting through the blockade. There was no immediate comment available from Azerbaijani officials.

The Soviet Parliament was due to discuss the railway blockade later in its session today.



Train rams into truck

FOUR Swedes were killed and 22 people injured when a passenger train from Hamburg, West Germany today rammed a truck on a railway crossing on the Swedish west coast, police said.

About 125 passengers were on the night train bound for Oslo, Norway. Police spokesman Ove Bergman said most of the injured were from Sweden and one was in critical condition. Identities were not immediately released.

Four sleeping cars derailed in the collision near Varbocka, 40 kilometres (25 miles) south of Goteborg at 7 am (0600 GMT), officials said.

It was the worst train accident in Sweden since a head-on collision in November 1987 which killed nine people and injured 130.

The national railway company, Statens Järnvägar, had intended to erect barriers later this

month at the crossing, which now has only flashing warning lights and bells.

It was not immediately known if the signals failed or whether the driver ignored them.

Picture shows aerial view of the derailed train. The truck, loaded with asphalt, was ripped to pieces and parts of it were thrown hundreds of metres (yards). The driver was killed, police said. (Reuters wirephoto)

Aids patient jailed: A Dutch court on Monday sentenced a 30-year-old Aids patient to four months in prison for attempted manslaughter because he threatened to contaminate two policemen with the fatal disease.

A Rotterdam district court convicted the man, identified only as J. Massa, for threatening at a railway station in June to prick the policemen with a blood-stained syringe he had just used. (Reuters)

Blind father in blaze death plunge: A blind man and his three small children died when he threw them out of a sixth-floor window and then jumped himself to escape a fire, police in the northwestern Spanish town of Vigo said on Monday.

The 50-year-old man, who worked as a lottery ticket seller for Spain's National Organisation for the Blind, probably panicked when a small blaze started in his flat on Sunday, and tried to save himself and his children, neighbours said. (Reuters)

Leaders on the bottle: Portraits of Hungary's top four communist leaders have appeared on beer bottle labels.

The daily Nepszabadsag on Monday quoted a customer at a "temporarily political beer bar" in northwestern Győr as saying it seemed the party could only sell its leaders with beer.

The party faces by mid-1990 Hungary's first multi-party elections since the communist takeover in the late 1940s. (Reuters)

Italy warns of terror campaign: Italy's Interior Minister Antonio Gava has warned that terrorists might soon launch a new campaign aimed at distracting investigators battling the mafia and drug trade.

"Terrorism is financed with drugs," Gava told the Rome newspaper Il Messaggero in an interview published on Monday.

"Now (the guerrillas) may organise something to distract us from our battle against the mafia and drug traffickers," he warned, quoting "objective data." (Reuters)

Grenade explodes outside shop: A grenade exploded outside a bookshop on the fashionable left bank Monday, shattering windows and damaging the entrance door, authorities said. There were no injuries. Police said the hand grenade exploded at 5:30 am (0430 GMT) outside a bookshop operated by the publishing company Fayard in the Saint-Germain Des Pres District. (UPI)

France calls in military troops: The government called in military troops Monday to guard the nation's largest prison on the sixth day of the most crippling national prison guards strike in French history.

Authorities called in 825 troops to assume guard duties at the 4,500-inmate prison in suburban Fleury-Mérogis, the nation's largest prison. Another 15 troops and 160 riot police were called in to assist two dozen non-striking guards



Guard of honour

Nato secretary general Manfred Woerner (left) inspects a section of Goldstream Guard while arriving at the Ministry of Defence in London Oct 2. Woerner is leading a visit to the UK by the North Atlantic Council, Nato highest decision making body. (Reuters wirephoto)

at the La Sante prison in central Paris, authorities said. (UPI)

Permanent residence: According to the federal department of foreigners the number of foreigners who have permanent residence status in Switzerland soared to 1,023,167 by August 1989, an increase of 30,389 in one year, a Swiss daily reported Sunday.

These statistics do not include employees of international organisations (around 30,000), seasonal employees (120,000 in August), and refugee applicants (around 35,000), the Tribune de Geneve noted. (Kuna)

Coalition agree to topple Labour: Three opposition parties have agreed on a basic platform for a new non-socialist coalition and were ready to topple Prime Minister Gro Harlem

Brundland's minority government. Conservative Party chairman Jan P. Syse said Monday. (UPI)

The emerging coalition was expected to submit a no-confidence motion in parliament later this month if Mrs Brundland refuses to resign, the national news agency NTB said. (AP)

Oil slick: Emergency clean-up teams were Monday continuing their battle to contain a 16,000-gallon oil slick as the crude was washed up on beaches in Southampton, southern England. Skimming operations had recovered about 1,000 tons of oil and booms were placed across the water intakes of a nearby power station as the slick moved up and down Southampton water with the tide. (Kuna)

Price hike defended: Solidarity leader Lech Walesa Sunday defended a government price hike for basic commodities such as gasoline and milk but warned the public must get more information before any future price increases.

Walesa told a rally of about 1,000 people after mass in St. Brigida's church that he met Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki for two hours Saturday in the government hunting lodge of Łauka in northern Poland, to brief the Solidarity premier about Poles' growing dissatisfaction with the pricing policy. (UPI)

Australia bus crash: More than 70 people were injured, seven of them seriously, when two buses carrying mainly school children collided today, officials said.

A state transport authority spokesman said the accident occurred as one bus was approaching an interchange and the other struck it from behind. One of the buses then spun into an embankment.

The impact hurled passengers from their seats, and both buses were extensively damaged. (AP)

Islamic seminar: An international seminar on the Islamic movement and related issues will be held in Kuala Lumpur in conjunction with "Maal Hijrah" celebrations.

Malaysian minister in the prime minister's department Dr Yusof Nor said today an important matter to be discussed is several major Islamic thoughts apart from the Imam Shah's which is followed by the majority of Malaysian Muslims.

The "Islamic thinking" seminar, to be attended by some 1,000 religious figures and academicians, is aimed at exposing Muslims in the country to other thoughts to widen their outlook on Islam, he said.

Hanoi leader dies: Huynh Tan Phat, a leading member of the Viet Cong and later vice-president of Vietnam's state council, has died at age 76, the Vietnam news agency reported.

The report, seen in Bangkok today, said Phat died on Saturday in Ho Chi Minh City. Radio Hanoi said both commemorative and burial services were scheduled on Thursday.

Yazov begins US visit, meets Cheney

WASHINGTON, Oct 2, (Reuters): Soviet Defence Minister Dmitry Yazov held talks with US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney today, opening a busy week of superpower military good will in the first American visit by a Soviet defence chief.

Yazov, smiling and resplendent in an olive brown general's uniform and chest full of military ribbons, was welcomed by Cheney in a morning rain outside the Pentagon, home of the American military establishment. Yazov was accompanied by Soviet Ambassador Yuri Dubinin.

The West and sightseeing by the 65-year-old

Soviet minister were another step in efforts by the superpower armed forces to better understand each other.

A senior US defence official said Yazov and Cheney, a 48-year-old civilian, held a brief face-to-face meeting and were then joined by defence and diplomatic officials from both sides.

The discussions were expected to last about six hours, including lunch, and to include military doctrine, defence budgets and possible tension points around the world.

US-Soviet arms talks in Geneva seek to secure approval of Hill

GENEVA, Oct 2, (Agencies): US-Soviet talks designed to secure US Senate approval of two major nuclear test ban treaties resumed today, with a one-and-one session of the chief negotiators at the US mission.

In a separate room, full teams of both sides reopened detailed discussions on slashing long-range nuclear arms arsenals.

Resumption of the parallel talks followed the Wyoming meeting last month between US Secretary of State James

Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, which settled major differences in the field of arms control.

Igor Palenych, chief Soviet delegate to the talks on nuclear testing, voiced optimism as he joined his US counterpart, C. Paul Robinson, for a session ushering in the fifth round of the talks, which began two years ago.

Palenych said on Saturday upon arriving in Geneva that the path was cleared in

Wyoming for completing the negotiations. He cited an agreement on the mechanisms of anti-cheating provisions amending the 1974 threshold ban treaty and a 1976 treaty limiting peaceful nuclear explosions.

Both limit underground blasts — the only ones still permitted — to 150 kilotons, the equivalent of 150,000 tons of TNT.

Palenych said he did not know of any other major obstacle that could prevent finalizing the protocols in time to be signed

at the summit set for next spring or early summer between US President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Ambassador Richard Burt, who heads the US team negotiating the strategic arms reduction treaty, said the Baker-Shevardnadze meeting had "enhanced the prospects for success," but that it would be necessary in Geneva to read the "fine print" of the concessions made by Shevardnadze.

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Call for release
NEW YORK, Oct. 2, (Reuters): The leader of a pro-Iranian group believed to be linked to kidnappings of Western hostages in Lebanon was quoted yesterday as saying he has appealed for their release "more than 50 times."

Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, leader of the Hezbollah (Party of God), also urged Washington in an interview with Time magazine to release Iranian assets it froze a decade ago.

Sheikh Fadlallah denied that Hezbollah or Tehran were responsible for the hostages.

Quake jolts Israel
OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Oct. 2, (AP): An earthquake measuring 4.2 on the Richter scale shook northern Israel today but no damage or injuries were reported, Israel Radio said.

Avi Shapira, the head of Israel's seismological institute, said the earthquake originated in the waters off the coastal Lebanese city of Sidon.

The effects of the quake were felt as far south as Israel's main population centres of Tel Aviv and occupied Jerusalem, the radio said.

Bourguiba sick
TUNIS, Tunisia, Oct. 2, (AP): Former president Habib Bourguiba, 86, who 2 1/2 months ago underwent prostate surgery, has been hospitalized again at Charles Nicolle Hospital in Tunis, an official source reported today.

The former president, who was ousted from power in a bloodless coup by current President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali on Nov. 7, 1987, is suffering from urinary incontinence "due to age," the source said.

Bourguiba was hospitalized on Friday. Doctors say his problem will require a "re-education" that will take two to three weeks.

Escape route found
ISTANBUL, Oct. 2, (Reuters): Authorities at a prison in Istanbul have uncovered an escape tunnel leading from a sector holding 36 political inmates to a street outside, prison sources said today.

The 18-metre (54-foot) tunnel was discovered at Bayrampasa prison, in a residential area on the outskirts of Istanbul, during a routine weekly inspection last night.

Forty-seven prisoners, mostly leftists, escaped in 1988 by tunnel from high security jails in Istanbul and at the Kirsch, southeast of Ankara. Only a handful were recaptured.

Call to co-operate
ANKARA, Oct. 2, (Reuters): Turkey, on a major smuggling route from Asia to Europe, urged world countries today to co-operate to combat drug trafficking.

It made the call at the start of a five-day meeting in Ankara of a UN sub-commission on illicit drug traffic and related issues in the Near and Middle East.

"Turkey, a producer of opium-based raw materials, has successfully evolved production methods which defy smuggling on the industrial level," Deputy Prime Minister Ali Bozer told the opening session.

Turkish officials say they have seized 579 kg (1,274 pounds) of heroin, most headed for Western Europe from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran, so far this year.

Curfew reduced
CAIRO, Egypt, Oct. 2, (AP): The Sudanese government announced yesterday it is reducing the night time curfew in Khartoum by one hour, the Egyptian Middle East News Agency reported.

A dispatch from the Sudanese capital Khartoum, the agency said, the reduction of the curfew hours went into effect last night. The curfew now begins at 11 pm at last for eight hours.

The curfew was imposed by Sudan's 15-man military junta which overthrew the civilian government of Sadeq Al Mahdi June 30.

Cairo sounds alarm
CAIRO, Oct. 2, (KUNA): Governor of the Egyptian capital Dr. Mahmoud El Shari sounded the alarm when he disclosed to KUNA that Cairo is floating over a mammoth lake of subterranean water.

Dr. Shari, in an exclusive interview with Kuwait News Agency warned that the subterranean water is 1.5 metre far from earth surface.

The Cairo governorate, he added had requested the Egyptian scientific research academy to finalise a study on such a serious problem within a three-month period.

Japan told to halt trade with Israel

Don't ignore Palestinians: Arafat

TOKYO, Oct. 2, (Agencies): PLO chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday said it would be a "fatal mistake" for oil-dependent Japan to ignore Palestinians who are backed by 200 million Arabs in the strategically vital oil-rich region.

"Isn't this computed in the Japanese computer? Or maybe the Japanese computer does not yet understand the Palestinian language," Arafat told a gathering of diplomats and Middle East scholars at a Tokyo symposium.

Arafat made the comments on the second day of his four-day official visit to Tokyo, which will include talks with Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu and Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama.

Japan, which does not recognise Arafat's self-proclaimed Palestinian state, extended the invitation to him only as the leader of the PLO.

But although Tokyo maintains full diplomatic ties with Israel, it also has proclaimed support for the Palestinian quest for self-determination in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Arafat said in his speech that Japan should cut its trade with Israel and balance its economic interests with Palestinians.

"It's not necessary for you to think of our interests — think of your own interests," the PLO leader said.

Last year the bilateral trade volume between Japan and Israel reached \$1.2 billion — a 300 per cent increase over 1985, according to Israeli statistics.

Japan is now Israel's third-largest trading partner after the United States and Britain.

Arafat said while it is "fair enough" for Japan to pursue profits as a commercially-oriented country, "it is 'fair enough' to make a balance between these interests and your interests with the Palestinian people."

Arafat watched today as the flag of Palestine was raised for the first time in Tokyo.

Arafat, Arab diplomats and Japanese Foreign Ministry officials saw the Palestinian flag hoisted at a 30-minute ceremony renaming the PLO office in Tokyo as the permanent mission of Palestine.

The Japanese government approved the new name with the understanding that the legal status of the office would remain unchanged, Japanese officials have said. France and Italy have also allowed such a renaming.

But a PLO official, while acknowledging there may be no legal meaning, said the new name has a major psychological significance.

Arafat also called on Japan to actively engage itself "in the preparation of the peace process" in the Middle East and "in waging peace... in all the hot spots of the world."

"Without participating in the making of peace, you cannot participate in the future after peace," Arafat said.

"Inviting me now, while the General Assembly of the United Nations is meeting... is a clear sign of the position Japan is taking as a people and as a government in relation to the just cause of the Palestinians," Arafat said.

Foreign Ministry officials said last month that Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens might go to Japan in November, becoming the first high-ranking Israeli official to visit for four years.

It is Arafat's first visit to Japan at the invitation of the government. He came in 1981 on an invitation from Japanese parliamentarians but did not meet cabinet members.

An Israeli military patrol shot and killed a Palestinian. The Nicosia-based Bisan bulletin identified the Palestinian as 32-year-old Khalil Mohammed Al Haq of Ayda refugee camp.

Afghan rebels to lobby for UN seat

PESHAWAR, Oct. 2, (Agencies): Afghan rebels announced today they would send a delegation to New York to lobby for Afghanistan's seat at the United Nations, now occupied by the Soviet-backed government.

Najibullah Lafrie, information minister in the rebel's self-proclaimed provisional government in Pakistan, said the group also would meet with US State Department officials to discuss fighting the flow of heroin from war-torn Afghanistan.

The four-man delegation, led by the rebels' Interior Minister, Yunis Khalis, will be on hand for the UN General Assembly debate on Afghanistan in late October or early November, he told a news conference.

The Muslim rebels do not have any UN status.

Seven resistance parties based in Pakistan for the "Afghan interim government" (AIG) last February after the Soviet Union completed its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan after nearly ten years.

Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani today called on factions of Afghan rebel groups to unite to form an Islamic government in Kabul and for Pakistan-based rebels to turn their backs on US support.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), quoted Rafsanjani as also calling for an end to superpower intervention in Afghanistan.

Opening an international seminar on the Afghan issue in Tehran, he urged all Afghan groups to co-operate in their fight for self-determination and "to isolate ideologies alien to Afghan culture and tradition."

He did not specifically mention the United States, but it has long provided weapons to the seven-group alliance based in Pakistan which is fighting the Soviet-backed communist government in Kabul.

That Sunni Muslim alliance has been at odds with another coalition of Shiite Muslims based in Iran.

Iran quoted Rafsanjani as saying that only Islam could guarantee Afghanistan's territorial integrity and independence.

"We are for an independent, Islamic and non-aligned Afghanistan," he declared.

Rebels said today that they had repudiated a government attempt to reopen the strategic Kabul-Jalalabad highway which they cut eight days ago.

A spokesman for the Jamat-i-Islami Party in Pakistan said government militia forces with tanks advanced from Jalalabad and Sorobi yesterday supported by aerial bombing and Scud missiles.

They were beaten back with losses, the mujahideen spokesman said, quoting a radio report from Jamiat commander Anwar received this morning.

The clash coincided with an upsurge of fighting on other fronts yesterday, including a rocket attack on Kabul which killed 10 people, according to the Soviet-backed government.

The official Kabul radio, said one of 15 rockets fired at the capital during the day hit the offices of the Afghan Red Crescent Society, killing and wounding members of staff.

The Afghan Red Crescent is part of the international network of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies which care for sick, injured and starving people in many countries.



Scores of Muslim and Christian Lebanese stand in queue at the Museum Crossing, the only link between the divided capital, and waiting for their turn to cross the passage. People are subject to search by rival army brigades and militiamen before moving. (Reuters wirephoto)

Lebanon reprieved

League writes off financial commitments

BEIRUT, Oct. 2, (Agencies): The Arab League Council today exempted Lebanon from all its financial commitments due to the League and its specialised organisations.

A Lebanese Foreign Ministry source said here today the exemption came within the League's understanding of Lebanon's difficult situation, noting that the decision was issued in its latest session.

The source disclosed that the ministry has received a comprehensive report on issues completed by the League's specialised committees, and on other issues pertaining to Lebanon which were supported by members of the League.

Meanwhile a Boeing 707 cargo jet carrying \$1 million worth of US emergency medical supplies for war-ravaged Lebanon was unloaded in Cyprus yesterday.

The shipment comprises antibiotics, heart medicine, cough medicines for children, burn creams, surgical supplies, bandages, blankets, stretchers, tents and plastic sheeting.

The southern air transport jetliner landed at 8.10 am (0610 GMT) at Larnaca airport and was later unloaded, said Eric Weintz of the non-profit humanitarian organisation Americas.

A portion of the cargo will be flown to the Muslim-controlled Beirut airport tomorrow aboard a regular Middle East Airlines flight, marking the first Americas has flown supplies to Lebanon.

The rest of the 90,000-pound (41,000-kilogramme) cargo will be loaded onto freighters for transport to the Christian-run port of Jounieh, said Weintz, who is co-ordinating the operation in Larnaca.

Beirut international airport was closed during six months of intense artillery battles between Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun's fighters against the Syrian Army and its Muslim militia allies.

The airport, in Muslim-controlled south Beirut, was recently reopened after an Arab League-brokered truce took hold.

"We've committed ourselves to providing \$10 million in medical supplies to Lebanon this year," Lisa Champeau, an Americas spokeswoman in the United States, said in a telephone call to Americas' office in New Canaan, Connecticut.

Americas' emergency supplies are distributed to hospitals on both sides of Beirut's dividing Green Line by non-American volunteers in Lebanon, Weintz said.

Leader of the Lebanese National Block Raymond Eddé renewed his renomination to the Lebanese presidency.

Speaking to a Kuwaiti daily the Lebanese official said that "my chance of winning is one in a million but I am not ready to back off on my stance now."

Eddé said that he still insists on his two conditions: First his election by Lebanese parliamentarians while he is in Paris, and second to contact the big fives and convince them in implementing Resolutions 425, 426, 509 and 587 within a period that does not exceed 30 days.

"If these conditions are achieved, he will handle the position of a president," Eddé said, "otherwise I would leave the way for others."

The deputy said that the Lebanese atmosphere was not appropriate this year to elect a new president or conduct any constitutional reforms due to the presence of both Israeli and Syrian armies in Lebanon.

Cuba trains Sudan rebels

MALAKAL, Sudan, Oct. 2, (AP): Southern rebels have sent around 600 young Sudanese to Cuba for military training, some of whom have returned to Sudan and defected to the government, says a senior security official.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at least 10 rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army turned themselves in to the army in the last two months at the southern river-port Malakal.

Interviewed in Malakal, capital of Upper Nile region 425 miles (680 km) south of Khartoum, the official said several of the 10 were "small boys who have been taken to Cuba."

He said the army believes that about 600 boys under 18 had been sent to Cuba for training "after going through the usual brainwashing and instructions about Marxism and Leninism."

The SPLA is known to have leftist leanings and has had close relations with Ethiopia's Marxist government and, until 1985, with Libya's pro-Soviet leader Moammar Khaddafi.

The rebellion in Africa's largest country began in 1983 over demands for greater autonomy and economic reforms in the southern region.

The defecting boys "complained about the bad treatment they received in the camps in Cuba," the official said. "They were made to work on sugar plantations and were treated as second class citizens. You can see small boys under 18 who speak Spanish fluently although (they) cannot write or read."

Independent Khartoum newspapers have reported in recent years that the rebel movement was sending troops to Cuba for training. The civilian government of Prime Minister Sadeq El Mahdi, overthrown by the military last June 30, never commented on the reports.

The Malakal official's comments constitute the first revelation to the reports by Sudan's current military government.

The official said that the rebel leader, US-educated renegade Army Col. John Garang, visited Cuba himself to obtain military aid for his rebels. He said the defecting boys "to protect their families and property after the rebels attacked their villages."

Some of the defecting boys were recruited into the army, the official said.

Deportees to defend own rights

AMMAN, Oct. 2, (Reuters): Palestinians deported by Israel over the past 20 years will set up a council in Amman to defend their right to return to their homeland, one of them said today.

Abdel-Jawad Saleh, former mayor of the Israeli-held West Bank town of Bireh, said deportees living in Jordan were drafting the council's charter before they launch it formally.

"It will basically defend the rights of more than 2,000 Palestinians who were forcefully driven out by Israel, including their right to return to their homeland," he told Reuters.

Palestinian sources said deportees would ask Jordanian authorities for permission to organise a peaceful march to one of two bridges linking Jordan with the West Bank on December 10, the United Nations' human rights day.

Israel began driving out Palestinian activists into Amman and other Arab countries after it captured the occupied territories in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

It recently defied international condemnation and deported 58 Palestinians accused of involvement in a Palestinian uprising which erupted in December 1987 against Israeli rule of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Saleh who is also a member of the Palestine National Council (PNC) the Palestinian's parliament-in-exile — said the deportees' new council would be funded by private and public supporters.

Spokeswoman Ida Ben-Sherit of the Immigration Ministry told Reuters: "We are not done yet, but at least we know who is coming, where we have work opportunities and where we need to create more jobs."

The committee expects a third of the immigrants will find professional jobs immediately, half will require short-term training and the rest will need more extensive absorption programmes.

Asked about financing, Ben-Sherit said: "The problem of money comes at the end. The government will find the money — they have no choice."

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Iraq denies knowledge of UN proposal

BAGHDAD, Oct. 2, (Reuters): Iraq denied yesterday an Iranian statement that the United Nations had proposed a simultaneous Iraqi troop withdrawal from Iran and repatriation of Prisoners-of-War by both sides in the Gulf war.

An Iranian spokesman with the UN mission said on Saturday that Tehran accepted the proposal submitted to Iran and Iraq by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar during last month's summit of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Iraqi Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary Nizar Hamdoun told Reuters: "To our best knowledge there was no specific proposal by the secretary-general during the Non-Aligned Conference in Belgrade."

The Iranian spokesman said the proposal called for a troops pull-out to internationally-recognised borders.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein climbed one of his country's highest mountains while on a three-day visit to areas which witnessed fierce battles in the eight year war with Iran.

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Turkey threatens to stop Euphrates tap

Syria must curb Kurd rebels

ANKARA, Oct. 2, (Reuters): Turkey has hinted that it may withhold the waters of the River Euphrates from Syria if Damascus fails to curb the activities of Kurdish rebels fighting in southeast Turkey for autonomy.

"Of course the water will be supplied as long as there is enough and as long as Syria abides by certain terms," the semi-official Anatolian news agency quoted Prime Minister Turgut Ozal as saying last night.

"We have doubts that Syria is abiding by these terms," he added in the southeastern city of Sanliurfa.

Turkey agreed to supply Syria with 500 cubic metres of water per second from the Euphrates under an economic protocol signed when Ozal visited Damascus in mid-1987, a Foreign Ministry source said.

But he said the supply was linked implicitly with action by Syria to prevent guerrillas of the Marxist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) crossing its border into Turkey.

During Ozal's 1987 trip, Turkey and Syria also signed a security protocol under which Damascus agreed to keep a tight rein on cross-border movements by the rebels.

Turkish security sources say Syria moved rebel bases away from the border after 1987 but the rebels still have a major training camp in Lebanon's Syrian-controlled Bekaa valley.

Ozal said in August during a previous visit to the southeast: "We also want to establish good relations with Syria... I hope they calculate (there is) an end to our patience."

Nearly 2,000 people have been killed since the PKK launched a guerrilla war in mid-1984 for autonomy for Turkey's estimated eight million Kurds.

The Motherland which won two general elections in 1983 and 1987 with 43 and 36 per cent support, polled a slim 22 per cent in nationwide local elections in March.

Many Turks expect Ozal to declare his candidacy for president to replace Kenan Evren but he has said not yet committed himself.

The poll showed the popularity of the main opposition, Social Democratic Populist Party declining from 30.6 per cent in September to 29.0 per cent and the centre-right True Party to 24.6 per cent from 25.3 per cent.

Gallup gave the Democratic Left Party of former premier Bulent Ecevit who sent troops into Cyprus in 1974, 9.7 per cent putting him close to a 10-per cent nationwide vote stipulation to enter Parliament.

"Our official stance is to normalize relations with Iran and to use every appropriate opportunity to normalize relations of this great country with the European Economic Community."

"I would like to stress that this is our official stance."

Arabs import \$2b worth of meat yearly

Meat project fund proposed

THE consultant of the Arab Authority for Meat Trading, Development and Industry Mahmoud Khalaf has said that the authority has been able to find out facts pertaining to meat imports on Arab markets and size up the existing situation.

He said that despite positive efforts exerted in certain Arab countries to develop and increase meat production through the introduction of modern industrial technologies and arranging for consumer protection, all these efforts had not been able to satisfy the increasing demand for meat.

The self-sufficiency percentage of meat had retreated and the food shortage gap increased by two million tons of meat, and

the Arab world currently imports 10 per cent of the total beef meat supplied to the markets and 7 per cent of the goat and sheep meat, and a large percentage of poultry and canned meat bringing the total value of annual meat imports to \$2 billion, Khalaf said.

He added that these percentages showed the existing gap between supply and demand and the problem was that these percentages were not evenly distributed between the Arab countries, as some countries suffer shortages in supply, others enjoy an excess.

Capabilities
He said that the GCC countries had the biggest livestock transport fleets in the Arab

world, and owned the largest and most advanced meat factories with high financial capabilities and investment potentials, coupled with considerable experience in the livestock trading business.

He added therefore competition was very high on relatively conventional markets; however the situation would have been far better if these companies were better invested and guided, within the right economic framework to yield fruitful results to all and to secure decent profits instead of entering into futile marketing competition and sustaining high financial losses in the process.

He said that in order to close the food gap in the sector, as part

of the efforts exerted to achieve food security at a pan-Arab level, this vital problem should be addressed as part of a comprehensive economic scheme covering all financial, marketing, research, educational, development and structural aspects that are central to the meat trade and industry in the Arab world.

He said that the first conference for developing the meat industry held in 1985 called for improving meat industries and recommended the issuance of a specialist magazine on the meat industry seeking to disseminate knowledge and cater to the needs of all meat industrialists in the Arab world.

He pointed out that the Arab Federation of Food Industries

has requested the preparation of by-laws for the national committee, representing the Ministry of Agriculture, investment funds, agricultural banks, and other Arab economic and technical organisations in the livestock business, in order to regulate its operation and establish the necessary funding channels.

The committee would set up an Arab fund to be financed by the existing Arab development funds and agricultural banks, under the title the meat fund, to encourage the launching of joint Arab meat projects and set up special rangelands and management according to refined standards, with special interest to developing Arab species of livestock.

Amir's commitment to Third World lauded

Africa's debt increasing, says Mali

BAMAKO, Oct 2, (KUNA): Mali Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation Dr. Njolo Traore has hailed HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad's stand towards developing nations.

He described, in an interview with Kuna here, the visit of Sheikh Jaber to Mali as, "historic" and which reflected the deep-rooted links between the Kuwaiti and Mali people, noting that it was the first to this African country by an Arab Gulf leader.

Dr. Traore lauded the personality and wisdom of HH the Amir at the 1987 Fifth Islamic Summit in Kuwait, which he said helped ensure success of the conference.

The Amir truly reflected his commitment to issues of the developing countries when addressing international organisations, particularly when he identified their problems and affirmed the importance of finding solutions to them.

Asked on his opinion of the current level of Afro-Arab co-operation, he said that it was historic, pointing out that the Arab countries had backed and are still backing, liberation movements in Africa.

The Arab League and the Organisation of African Unity, which represent the Arab and African worlds, have co-ordinated their efforts to confront all forms of repression by supporting the Palestinian people's rights, a solution to the Lebanese crisis and black struggles in South Africa; the Mali minister went on.

However, he noted that Afro-Arab relations were lukewarm in the past few years due to the problems facing both groups which led to a delay in holding an Afro-Arab summit meeting.

Traore did not identify those problems, but he pointed out that co-operation between them had achieved great accomplishments on the political and economic levels.

He called, in this sphere, on African and Arab countries to work together in confronting challenges and difficulties facing them and obstructing their role. Traore underlined that several countries were worried over such a role and were working to foil any Afro-Arab gathering or co-operation.

He denied the idea that some African countries' restoration of relations with Israel was the reason for the lukewarm Afro-Arab co-operation at present, explaining that those countries are very few compared to the OAU's resolutions, supporting the Palestinian people until they win their legitimate rights.

Commenting on the border dispute between Senegal and Mauritania, Dr. Traore said that it was not new, noting that Mali had played a noticeable role since the early seventies in bridging gaps between the two neighbouring countries.

Establishment of the organisation or exploiting the Senegal river basin was the fruit of such efforts, the Mali official underlined.

Countries of this organisation enjoy joint history, geographic location and cultural values in addition to the blood relationship among inhabitants of those countries, he went on.

Traore noted that Mali President Mousa Traore had secretly mediated between the two countries, whenever any problem surfaced between them since 1970, so as to ascertain suc-

cess of such mediation.

The border dispute between Senegal and Mauritania had rekindled last April following ethnic riots in both countries that resulted in bloody clashes between their nationals in which many were killed thus leading to forced repatriation of Senegalese and Mauritians to their respective countries the Mali official said.

Traore said that his president's peace plan was divided into two stages, the first focussing on calming the two peoples on both banks of river Senegal and returning property to their owners, in addition to protecting citizens of both sides and halting propaganda campaigns.

The first stage was meant to pave a suitable atmosphere for initiating the second stage, targeting a settlement to the border dispute through forming a tripartite committee that would set best formula for a solution satisfactory to both parties.

Traore said that his country was continuing with its efforts to end that dispute, adding serious repercussions have been avoided thanks to the intervention.

The Mali foreign minister warned of the increase in African foreign debts as a result of the deteriorating economic situation witnessed by all developing nations in general.

Traore said investors had lately fled Africa due to this situation which directly affected value of raw materials, found in the continent in abundance, and on trade exchange.

Capital fled Africa, not because of limited potentialities, but rather because of the accumulating debts on investors which forced them to invest outside to repay their debts, Traore explained.

Increase in agricultural areas plan in 1 month

By Abdullah Al Shemmary

A DARING agricultural plan will be proclaimed by the Chairman and the Director-General of Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources within one month, the daily Al-Sayassah has learnt.

It added that the new scheme will aim at reclaiming new agricultural areas in the country's governorates. Each area will be managed by one manager in addition to a number of agronomists. Managers will co-ordinate their activities with pertinent governors and chairmen of the co-operative societies in the relevant areas.

Directives

Meanwhile, the daily quoted well informed sources as saying that this plan aims at afforesting of the country. It added that managers of the agricultural areas will be given necessary powers and facilities in accordance with the directives of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources.

The source added that this plan aims at the getting benefit from the contribution of the co-operative societies in the afforestation plan. Apart from the above the plan will offer the necessary opportunities to the public to take part in the scheme's implementation by making home gardens.

Pakistan test

A PRESS release from the Embassy of Pakistan has stated that an entrance test for the Army Medical College, Rawalpindi will be held at the Embassy of Pakistan, Kuwait, on November 10, 1989. All Pakistan nationals residing in Kuwait who have qualified F.Sc. (Pre-Medical) or equivalent with minimum of 65 per cent marks and are desirous to get admission in the college are advised to send their applications by October 20, 1989 to GHQ, A.G.'s Branch, PA Dte/PA-3 (C), Rawalpindi. Application forms are available with the embassy.



Chinese National Day

Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Guan Zhihui and Mrs. Zhihui are seen greeting Bangladesh Ambassador to Kuwait K.M. Shehabuddin at a reception to mark China's 40th National Day.

Laboratories and equipment needed

Technology faculty at PAAET suffers acute shortage of funds

THE Dean of Technology Studies Faculty at Kuwait's Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) Dr Sulaiman Shamsuddin was quoted as saying that his faculty is hampered due to a lack of funds.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the financial allocations of the faculty are relatively few compared to other faculties. He described technical studies as costly due to the need for laboratories and other technical equipment.

The official said that the admission policy in the faculty is based on the country's need for technicians. The authority has established the Vocational Development Centre which had been empowered to set up necessary educational programmes aimed at developing human resources. The authority is also setting up necessary training courses for state employees to accelerate the Kuwaitisation process in the government sector.

Role
Enhanced participation in seminars, conferences and specialised training courses is playing a significant role towards upgrading human resources. The authority allocates a special budget for these activities, Shamsuddin said.

Meanwhile, the official denied that the number of years of study, the increasing of the studying years

and units will be increased at the Technology Studies Faculty for conferring of the BA degree. He commented that the country is presently in need of applied technicians rather than engineers and academicians.

The official praised the co-operation currently prevailing between the state's authorities in general and the Ministry of Higher Education in particular. He disclosed that the authority had finalised study regulations for its faculties in addition to training regulations. He added that the authority had also completed job description and promotion system for its teaching staff and these will be endorsed by the authority's board of directors soon.

Curricula
With regard to the bye laws for each faculty, the official said that this issue will be discussed with the authority's administration to decide on suitable measures required for each faculty.

Replying to a question over his faculty's need for developing curricula, Shamsuddin said that the faculty has been studying the possibility of developing curricula and it is expected to be finalised as of the next academic year 1990/1991. With regard to the promotion system at his faculty, the official said that a committee has been formed for this purpose and is currently involved in setting up of the appropriate system.

Legislation issued to streamline judiciary

THE Chairman of Kuwait's Court of First Instance and the Chairman of State Security Court Chanceller Mohammed Abulhai Al-Bannai was quoted in an interview with a local daily, as stating that several legislations had been issued recently aimed at streamlining judicial proceedings. He added that the state paid special concern to simplify judicial procedures, hinting that two laws had been enacted last summer to achieve this objective.

Replying to a question over the cases to be tried by the Court of First Instance, the official said that court was trying civil, commercial and rent disputes in addition to administrative and personal status cases.

He disclosed that the current social and economic circumstance had played a significant role in increasing judicial workload.

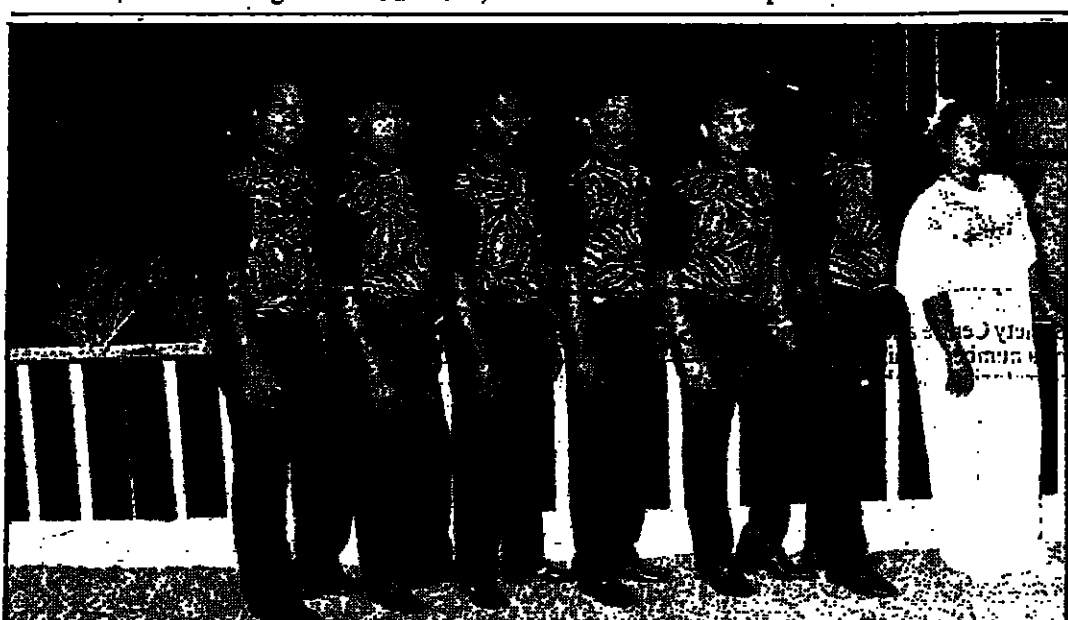
He clarified that the number of commercial, civil, administrative, personal status and rent cases which had been tried by the Court of First Instance last year amounted to 135,632, while criminal and misdemeanours amounted to about 100,000.

These figures reflect the burden borne by the court and its judges. He added that about 90 per cent cases had been settled according to official statistics.

On the other hand, the official denied that the judicial year is only 130 working days. He described a comment attributed to one lawyer in this respect as baseless, confirming that the judicial year is 300 days. He added that the annual vacation for each judge range between 40-45 days. But, he added that the courts pay special attention in July and August of each year to urgent cases including personal status cases.

Egypt welcomed

CAIRO, Oct 1, (KUNA): Secretary-General of the Arab Cities Organisation Abdel Aziz Al-Adami welcomed the joining of 21 Egyptian cities and the resumption of the membership of ten others in the organisation.



Open-air concert

The Sri Lankan Super Top Ranks will hold an open-air concert at the Shaab Garden on Friday, Oct 6, from 7.30 to 9 pm. The group, which has held several performances is noted for its wide repertoire which includes music from India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. They also present pop music numbers and sing Arab numbers. At the Friday concert, they will give a special performance for children, presenting melodies that appeal to the young and families. The Daniel Sisters, a dancing group, will present folk and popular dances to the music of the Super Top

Ranks. Their last concert was at the Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City, in mid-September, when they took part in the Asian Night featuring artists from the Indian sub-continent and Sri Lanka. Super Top Ranks features Nice (bass guitar), Shaheen (congo drums), Anil (lead guitar), Tissa (vocalist), Anwar (keyboard), Peter (drummer and vocalist) and Nirmalee, who is the lead singer. Picture shows from (L-R) Nice, Shaheen, Anil, Tissa, Anwar, Peter and Nirmalee.

Annual system instituted at Kuwait's Law College

THE Law College at Kuwait University began the implementation of the traditional annual system for this academic year, but will continue acting on the courses system for students who have joined the college during previous years.

The Dean of Law College at the university, Dr Adel Al-Tabatabai indicated that the nature of law studies is not commensurate with the courses system. The official attributed this incompatibility to the reason many employers complain about the educational level of graduated students.

He said that the college has reintroduced the traditional system with a better and more developed form which will overcome the shortcomings of the

previously implemented traditional system.

He added that before implementing this idea, many law authorities were consulted including the Higher Judges Council, the Lawyers Society and 46 other working authorities. He stated that the college administration is currently studying a proposal on permitting senior students to benefit from the facilities in their research studies.

The college had conducted a survey including a questionnaire among all former college graduates to support its new stand. The proposals of the questionnaire have all agreed towards the return of the old traditional system, Tabatabai said.

Obesity and baldness treated

Chinese acupuncture

DR FAROUQ AL SAEED, head of Kuwait Acupuncture Unit has said that failure to treat certain migraine conditions by acupuncture is attributable to a number of organic diseases associated with this type of headache.

He said that acupuncture was used effectively to treat obesity, with encouraging results and that the total number of annual patients treated for this problems by acupuncture reached 650.

He revealed a lack of adequate supply of Chinese herbal concoctions at the unit, which he described as necessary for treatment by acupuncture as it enables patients to tolerate the needles used in the treatment.

He said that the acupuncture technique was coupled with massaging of certain parts of the patient's body, by agency of special stimulating equipment which would be connected to the needles planted, and that in certain cases minute needles would be planted, say in the ear, and left there for 5 to 7 days and then replaced as medically required.

He pointed out that acupuncture treatment involved three sessions weekly. The number of ses-

sions is determined by the patient's condition, which could be from 10 to 20 or even more, based on the type of conditions, such as paralysis, psychological disorders, and common asthma.

Acupuncture treatment for certain diseases proved inefficient as no progress whatsoever was recorded in the patient, such as gout. Therefore no acupuncture services for this type of disease would be offered.

The unit treated a total of 1,221 patients last year from arthritis, rheumatism, muscle aches, and 650 patients suffering from obesity, 76 cases of migraine, 149 addict smokers, 39 cases of facial and half paralysis, 37 cases of respiratory disorders, 3 patients with urinary problems, 10 with hearing difficulties, 8 with alimentary disorders, 5 with venal and potency problems, 38 with dermatological and hair loss conditions, and 35 other cases.

He said that the acupuncture technique was used on the scalp with topical herbal medications for treating hair loss and cases of baldness using Zanzabail instead of herbs.

Wafra to be made governorate

A LOCAL daily has reported that discussions will soon be held between top government officials to establish a sixth governorate in Wafra area.

The daily, quoting sources said that the proposed new governorate will be part of the current five-year-plan and that this project is prompted by the intention to construct a fully-integrated town in the area.

The sources said that the project would involve a number of economic, commercial and other projects, including the establishment of free markets.

They added that the government would offer citizens housing plots at 750 sq.m. each with electricity and water facilities.

Conservationists working to save green turtles in Oman

RAS AL HADD, Oct 2, (AP): Conservationists gathered in this coastal town in a bid to save the hatchlings of thousands of green turtles whose ancient nesting habitat is threatened by beach campers and native fishermen.

Environment Under-Secretary Bakheit Shanfari has already met with tribal sheikhs along the coast to discuss a plan to counter the threat to the turtle population, estimated to number up to 13,000.

A number of conservationists arrived to discuss the project with Omani officials and help formulate measures to protect the turtles.

Stringent precautions have been devised, including the setting up of a mobile warden patrol, conservation officials said.

A regulated turtle watching reserve would be designated sufficiently close for visitors to observe nesting sites without disturbing them.

"Don't disturb" signs already have been posted on important nesting beaches, warning campers not to drive onto the sand. Shine flashlight or light fires along this 25-mile (40 kilometre) stretch of nesting grounds off the eastern coast of the sultanate at the southern end of the Gulf.

Oman recently ordered the banning of trawler operations off Ras Al Hadd. Commercial exploitation of its turtle population was also prohibited.

Conservation sources said local fishermen would be encouraged to adapt to

more modern fishing methods and dispense with gill nets which trap adult turtles and hatchlings. Fishing activity would also be limited and net maintenance areas established.

This would prevent hatchlings becoming entangled in nets spread haphazardly on the shoreline, making them prey to foxes, badgers, crabs and gulls.

The sandy beaches along Oman's Arabian Sea coast constitute one of the largest green turtle nesting grounds in the Indian Ocean. They are of global importance for the survival of the species, which is threatened with extinction.

In February, the government ordered a ban on camping and turtle watching by day or night along the coast in specified

areas. Conservation officials said visitors to the Ras Al Hadd area had been disturbing the nesting turtles, lighting fires and leaving litter to an extent which could no longer be tolerated.

But the influx of visitors into the area had continued to rise, Shanfari said: "The increasing number of tourists poses a danger to the species as do fishing techniques using nets in which the hatchlings get caught on the shore as they attempt to head to the water."

Environment Ministry officials were drawing up a short-term turtle management plan he said, in co-operation with government conservation advisors and Fisheries Ministry staff.

"The region is of world-wide impor-

tance. It has been an area of sustained green turtle nesting for many thousands of years," said Dr Rod Salm, a Muscat-based Dutch marine biologist working as project leader of the government's coastal zone management plan on contract from the Swiss-based conservation organisation IUCN.

IUCN is the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, now known as the World Conservation Union.

"The Ministry of Environment is working hard on an interim action plan while technical studies continue for the formulation of a long-term management plan," added Salm, who has spent the past five years monitoring Oman's coastline to collect resource data.

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HH the Amir in Niger

On the second day of his visit to Niger HH the Amir yesterday inspected the site of the Kuwait Housing Project Complex with President of Niger General Ali Sebu (left). HH also visited the crocodile farm at the Niger National Museum (centre) and was cheered by hundreds of Niger schoolchildren during his tour (right).



HPC to introduce new five-year-plan

Follow up of achievements in 3rd session

By Mahmoud Abdeen

THE Secretary-General of the Higher Planning Council Fuad Mulla Hussein has said that the HPC will hold its first meeting of the 3rd session on Wednesday, October 18. The meeting will be held under the chairmanship of Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah. He told Arab Times Seyassah, that the

Crown Prince and Prime Minister approved the three points that will be included by the agenda of the first meeting. He added that 3rd session of the council will be the last because members of the HPC are nominated every three years.

The first meeting of the council will review a report submitted by the secretary general of HPC about activities and

achievements of the council during last session (2nd session). The council will also discuss the re-formation of different committees. The third point discussed in the meeting is studying the report on following up of achievements of the ministries in the 4th year of the present five-year-plan.

He added that the report consists of two parts, the first specialised in following up

the execution of economic and social policies while the other focuses on the execution of the government projects during the fourth year of the plan.

Hussein stressed on the importance of the third session because it coincides with the introduction of the coming five-year-plan. The third session of the HPC will focus on studying and approving the plan and its projects, he added.

Better housing for all: Roudhan

UNDER the patronage of HH the Crown Prince, Head of the Higher Housing Council, Minister Nasser Al Roudhan opened yesterday the Fourth Housing Week which is organised by the National Housing Authority. The opening ceremonies took place at the main Sabah Al Salem Society Centre and was attended by a number of ministers, secretaries, ambassadors of GCC states, directors of government establishments, members of the Higher Housing Council, board members of the National Housing Authority, and a number of officials.

The ceremony organiser, Sami Al Abdul Ghafoor began the opening with a speech in which he welcomed the guests.

State Minister for Housing Affairs, Nasser Al Roudhan then delivered a speech stating that the celebration of the Fourth Housing Week comes at the same time with Arab Housing Day. He indicated that the government has played a major role in providing housing for nearly 500,000 citizens with a budget valued at KD1,500 million.

Ambitions

He pointed out that the fourth Five-year Housing Plan will be more ambitious and will be characterised with several directions towards better and more ideal methods in using ground area.

He said that this prosperity in housing witnessed by the country imposed a necessity to modernise the working method with the assistance of technical and administrative staff to complete citizens petitions in the fastest time possible. He stated that this week aims at guiding citizens towards a better way in maintaining their residential units in addition to landscaping and interior decoration improvements.

Exhibition

Guests then went on a tour of an exhibition which included several sections and designs showing government efforts in the field of providing house care and the most important features of future housing plans. The exhibition included a section for the National Housing Authority, the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, a special section for Bahrain represented by the Bahraini Ministry of Housing, the ideal exhibition hall and the contents section.

The authority aimed at providing exhibition visits with guides on government houses. The National Housing Authority will announce the distribution of a new batch of government houses in Jahra area for citizens who reach their turn. On the other hand, the authority will distribute 214 plots in Quraia area on Wednesday, Oct 4, 1989. It will also distribute 118 houses at Rabiya South area.

The visiting hours for the exhibition of the Fourth Housing Week will be from 9 am - 12 pm and from 4 - 8:30 pm.



Salem receives US envoy

The Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah received at his office yesterday the US Ambassador to Kuwait, Nathaniel Howell. They discussed Kuwait-US relations.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Clandestine import of Bangla housemaids

IN RECENT times has been an influx of Bangladeshi housemaids being recruited illegally into Bahrain despite a ban imposed by the Bahraini government in exporting its female workers abroad as domestic helpers. Bangladesh, as a predominantly Muslim nation strictly conforms to Islamic traditions as well as to its own social and cultural norms regarding the issue of its women working abroad as housemaids and domestic helpers, particularly in the Gulf.

Bangladesh as one of the poorest countries in the world depends heavily on overseas remittances by its millions of nationals employed abroad for its economic survival. A large number of its expatriate workforce working mainly in the low-income positions earn precious foreign exchange for their country in the Arab world and the GCC countries.

Muslim women, particularly young and unmarried ones, are not generally encouraged to take up employment as housemaids abroad from their countries on religious, social and cultural grounds. It is not deemed an acceptable and proper trend for any Muslim woman to be away from her family in an alien land for a long period. A single Muslim woman working as a domestic is particularly prone to a number of unpleasant conditions in the form of loneliness, humiliation, low-pay and physical and sexual assault. Bangladesh, as any other Muslim nation, is determined to safeguard and uphold the status and dignity of its female workers abroad. This is basically why it encourages its females to work abroad in professional jobs such as medicine and engineering.

According to an informed source, who wished to remain anonymous, some poor Bangladeshi women are lured by criminal elements both at home and abroad to illusions of prospects of well-paid domestic jobs in Bahrain. However, once these 'girls', the bulk of whom are illiterate from impoverished families, arrive here they are immediately confronted with a vicious set-up run by con-artists either individually or in groups.

Most of these women are recruited on the 'free-visa' racket, in a lot of cases by their own countrymen residing illegally in the island. While it is true that some of these unfortunate women usually in their twenties eventually end up in their appointed positions and homes, a considerable number of them face a cruel fate. A representative of the sponsor of a person who has paid for the concerned woman's arrival in the country receives her at the airport and whisks her away to unknown destinations. The woman is subsequently compelled to live to the tune and fancy of the con-man under the guise of a domestic. The poor soul is more often than not forced to a life of illicit relationship with strange men. The money earned in this manner can run into a hefty amount to be shared by all parties involved in this racket.

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Development of children imperative, says Sarraf

DR. Jaseem Al Sarraf, member of the advisory committee at the Kuwait Society for Arab Childhood, and assistant professor at the Department of Educational Psychology at Kuwait University spoke at a conference held recently on the books and field research so far released to mark the celebration of the Arab Child Day, yesterday (Oct 2).

He said the society encouraged scientific research aimed at finding solutions to contemporary problems of children, referring to a recent book published by Dr. Shaker Sulaiman under the title, "Childhood and Creativity," which is devoted to analysing the artistic talents in children.

The book focusses on the development of the artistic talent in the child and the different channels through which children could express these talents including drawing, which develops as the child grows.

Refinement

Sarraf said the book evolved studies aimed at establishing the individual influence of the child's IQ on his artistic abilities, basing this fact on tests taken of 1191 children, boys and girls, which monitored the refinement of the art of drawing and photography in children.

Children between the ages of 10 to 11 years experience a rapid development of their artistic talents and creativity, which is reflected in the state of originality, fluency and spontaneity, leading to a self-motivated urge to overcome obstacles and psychological inhibitions, such as moodiness, limited abilities and others.

Output

He pointed out that the fluency with which children could express their artistic talents was reflected in the production of artistic output at an average period of time, while the flexibility of talents shaped the child's artistic development at the ages of 3 to 5, where girls outdid boys in this respect. However, the former retained their originality and fluency.

The early scribbles in young children is an indication of the child's growing artistic ability which requires encouragement and close attention.

Sarraf added that creativity required a scientific environment that could provide ample opportunities to express talent, use colours, enjoy freedom of expression and use all the support he could get, while developing both his talent and refine his artistic feel.

GCC ministers to discuss youth affairs

Arab Child Day celebrated

THE assistant undersecretary for Youth Affairs at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour Abdul Rahman Al Mazroui left Kuwait for Riyadh yesterday to attend the 7th meeting of under-secretaries at the GCC ministries of youth to be held October 3-5.

Speaking to a local daily before departure, Mazroui said that the meeting would discuss topics pertaining to youth activities in the GCC member states and the general plan of the activities of the committee under the Council of GCC Youth Ministers.

Kuwait will celebrate World Child Day coinciding October 1 of each year. The Council of GCC ministers of Social Affairs and Labour had issued a decision approving celebrations on the same date to mark the Arab Child Day.

Rights

The Kuwait National Committee held a special programme to celebrate Arab Child Day in co-ordination with the relevant authorities, which included a symposium on child rights at the Kuwait Teachers Society.

The official said that entertainment is being organised at the Shaab Park on Friday, while the ministry has organised a symposium on children's right to play, and the Islamic Welfare

Society would hold a free season at its headquarters on Sunday.

Participating in these festivities will be a number of ministries such as the ministries of education, social affairs and labour, Awqaf, health, information and the National Council for Culture Arts and Letters and the Kuwait Society for the Advancement of Arab Childhood.

Meanwhile, Dr. Hasan Al Ibrahim, chairman of the Kuwait Society for the Advancement of Arab Childhood said that the UN had after nine years of continuous efforts laid down the final formula of an international agreement on child rights. Among other things it stressed that child rights were part and parcel of human rights, which included political, economic, social, cultural and civil rights.

He added that the child, under this agreement had an inalienable right to a nationality, protection of maltreatment and abuse, right to social security, right to a decent living standard and right to healthy growth and protection from exploitation.

Amendments

Certain amendments to the texts of articles provided for under this agreement had been discussed at a pan-Arab level at two symposia held in Bahrain

and Cairo, particularly those texts which conflicted with the teachings of Islam, adoption and child freedom to select a religion, Ibrahim said.

Catering to the minimum child physiological requirements and its right to decent clothing and shelter were points that the international agreement failed to take account of. This included the right to obtain his basic needs for health care, shelter and food during natural catastrophes, such as earthquakes and wars.

The Arab Council for Childhood and Development had announced that the total number of Arab children is 90 million, emphasising that the Arab child fell victim to political challenges and other factors in the Arab world.

The council issued a statement in which it said that all efforts exerted to develop Arab childhood were inadequate and child welfare movements were of limited capabilities.

The chairman of the council Prince Talal Bin Abdul Aziz had called on all Arab countries to establish special high councils of Arab childhood whereby to accord childhood the attention it deserves and protect children from paying the price of unrest and underdevelopment in certain parts of the Arab world.

Industrial co-op meeting October 11

RIYADH, Oct 2. (QNA): The GCC secretariat-general will host at its headquarters here tomorrow a meeting of the preparatory committee of under-secretaries at the GCC Industry Ministries to prepare for the 9th meeting of the Industrial Co-operation Committee scheduled to be held here on October 11, 1989.

Discussion during the two-day meeting will deal with a number of topics on its agenda, including recommendations by the technical committees which discussed a number of different subjects such as definition of the added value elements and review of the minutes of the project co-ordination committee of GCC officials in charge of issuing industrial licences.

The meeting will also discuss a draft patents system project, ways to promote GCC national exports and arrangements for the preparatory meeting of GCC industrialists with European counterparts.

Part-time taxis out

By Salem Al Wawan

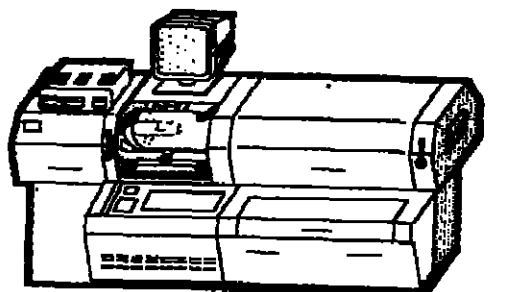
IT was learnt yesterday that the director general of Civil Aviation Authority Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak Al Ahmad Al Sabah has decided to prevent part-time taxi-drivers from working at the International Airport. He issued a resolution in this respect allowing only taxi drivers who work full-time to carry passengers from and to the airport.

The resolution will be carried out from the beginning of the new year. The sources said that the aim of the resolution is to organise taxi services at the airport. It also included conditions that drivers should have a general driving licence, a licence from General Traffic Administration and must not work anywhere else. The model of the taxi should be modern. The drivers be literate and must have full information on roads and places in Kuwait.

Meanwhile, a number of taxi drivers gathered to protest against the resolution. They submitted a memo to the director general of the Civil Aviation Authority explaining their situation. They claimed that the money they receive from other jobs is insufficient to make ends meet. They also claimed that they had been working as taxi drivers at the airport for a long time.

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Thought for today

BUT words once spoke can never be recalled —
Wentworth Dillon, English poet (about 1633-1685).Discontent
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40th anniversary of E. Germany

A POSTER on East Berlin's busy Leipziger Strasse shows an attractive woman in a communist youth uniform, joyous over the 40th anniversary of East Germany.

Such cheerful signs at key points throughout the capital give no hint of growing discontent in East Germany four decades after its founding on Oct. 7, 1949.

Challenged by a determined pro-democracy movement, stung by an exodus of thousands to the West and facing apparent disunity within its own ranks, the ruling Communist Party will nonetheless try to project a harmonious face for the 40th anniversary.

Friedrich Schorlemmer, an activist Lutheran pastor in the city of Wittenberg, summed up the widespread sentiment for change.

"We need a pluralistic, socialist democracy, and we need it now," said Schorlemmer, who has been at the forefront of church calls for reforming the authoritarian society.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who plans to attend the 40th anniversary ceremonies, has launched political and economic reforms in the Soviet Union that have been hailed by many East Germans as a model for their own rigid society. But it remains to be seen whether the Kremlin leader will use his visit to try to nudge East Germany's hardline leader, Erich Honecker, into adopting reforms.

The East German government has shown itself determined to check the pro-democracy mood that has swept across Eastern Europe.

"East Germany does not need reform just for the sake of reform. We solve our own problems through the achievement of our workers," Otto Reinhold, head of the state-run Academy for Social Sciences, declared on Sept. 13.

But pro-democracy activists believe that violent demonstrations could soon erupt across East Germany if the country's aging leaders don't give the populace some hope for change.

The 77-year-old Honecker underwent gall bladder surgery this summer and returned to work on Sept. 25 after a six-week convalescence. His age and health prompted speculation about how long he will remain in power and whether his successor will be any more open to calls for change.

Just as East Germany prepared to mark its 40th birthday, a dramatic exodus of disgruntled citizens embarrassed the communist leadership. More than 20,000 East German refugees have fled via Hungary's relaxed border with the West since Sept. 11, saying they were seeking democratic freedoms and better living conditions. Several thousand others who took refuge at West German embassies in Prague and Warsaw were granted passage to the West this weekend.

All told so far this year, at least 100,000 East Germans have taken their job skills and training to West Germany, leaving a significant gap in the communist nation's work force.

East Germans who have remained behind are expressing disillusionment by joining new pro-democracy groups that advocate change within the system.

The most prominent group, Neues Forum, or new forum, says it signed up more than 4,000 supporters within about two weeks. The group has since been banned by government decree.

On Sept. 25, about 8,000 people marched through the city of Leipzig demanding more democracy. Police arrested about a dozen of them.

The wave of pro-democracy sentiment has caused some second-thoughts within the ruling Communist Party. Hans Modrow, Communist Party chief for the city of Dresden, said the government should think about the causes of the massive emigration.

But the country's rulers have given no sign of abandoning their anti-reform stance.

Leading up to the anniversary, the Communist Party has tried to deflect criticism by emphasizing its links with communist allies and trade with the West. At the same time, the state-run media have accused West Germany of fomenting discord by encouraging people to go West.

State-run publications have also been portraying East Germany as a land of hard workers devoted to communism, people like Manfred Steller, who supervises a collective.

"When I look around, I start to think how much things have changed in the past 40 years. Back then we were hauling sacks out of wagons by hand. But now we have a huge fleet of transport vehicles. There have been some problems along the way, but we've mastered them all," said Steller, quoted in a party newspaper, the Ostsee Zeitung.

East Germany was founded 40 years ago with Soviet backing, a few months after West Germany was created as a Western-style democracy in the aftermath of World War II.

Located on the front line of communist-dominated Europe, East Germany fortified its border with West Germany and erected the Berlin Wall in 1961 to keep its citizens from fleeing.

East Germany, with nearly 17 million citizens and a highly industrialized economy, has achieved the highest standard of living in Eastern Europe. But consumer shortages, air and water pollution and insufficient housing are nagging problems.

East Germany accepts large subsidies from the West German government in return for improving human rights and allowing visitors from West Germany.

However, the visitors and Western television broadcasts seen throughout the country have made East Germans acutely aware of how much better life is for the 60 million West Germans. (Berlin — AP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1574 — William of Orange raises siege of Leyden.
1763 — Augustus III, elective king of Poland, dies.
1866 — War between Austria and Italy ends by treaty of Vienna.
1899 — Settlement of British Guiana-Venezuela boundary dispute.
1904 — Franco-Spanish treaty for preserving independence of Morocco.

1918 — German-Austrian note is sent to United States via Switzerland for World War I armistice.
1929 — Name of Serbo-Croat-Slovene kingdom is changed to Yugoslavia.
1932 — Iraq joins League of Nations as British mandate ends.
1935 — Italian forces invade Ethiopia.
1941 — Germany's Adolf Hitler announces in World War II that Soviet Union has been defeated and never will rise again.
1952 — British test their first atomic bomb off coast of Australia.

1966 — British colony of Basutoland becomes new independent African nation of Lesotho.
1971 — Luna 19, unmanned Soviet spacecraft, goes into orbit around moon.
1977 — India's former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is arrested in New Delhi on two charges of corruption while in office.
1987 — Tamil-Sinhalese violence continues in eastern Trincomalee district in Sri Lanka.
1988 — Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi and Chadian President Hissene Habre restore diplomatic relations between their two countries.

No magic formula for peace

Lebanese try to hammer out a settlement

AMIN FAYYAD has repaired his shell-battered pharmacy in West Beirut but he hasn't removed the sandbags.

His actions reflect the scepticism most Lebanese feel about the peace talks under way in Saudi Arabia to end their 14-year-old civil war.

"I'm back in business," Fayyad, a Druze Muslim, said. "But I have no faith in the ability of those people in Saudi Arabia."

An Arab League-brokered ceasefire that ended six months of relentless shelling by Christian and Syrian forces has held for eight days.

But the daily crackle of automatic weapons along Beirut's dividing green line, an occurrence for so many years no one that considers it a violation, is a reminder of Lebanon's volatility.

Many Lebanese, who have seen scores of ceasefire collapse since 1975, consider this one nothing more than a respite in a conflict that has defied the peacemakers. Peace, they believe, is still far off.

Simon Hagi, a 38-year-old Christian taxi driver in east Beirut, does not believe that the aging Lebanese legislators trying to hammer out a settlement in the Saudi Arabian resort of Ta'if will be able to come up with the magic formula that has eluded everyone else.

Quoting an Arabic saying, he said "they're just cooking a stone soup — it's something that can't be cooked."

"These people have been members of parliament since 1972 and they haven't been able to do anything to stop the war. Why should we expect them to be magicians now?" he said.

"The best we can hope for from the Ta'if talks is an agreement on vaguely worded general principles," said columnist Emile Khouri, a Maronite Catholic who writes for the respected independent An-Nahar daily based in Muslim West Beirut.

"Parliamentary subcommittees will be set up to negotiate the details and mechanisms to translate these general principles into reality, a process which will take many, many months," he said.

Even then, many Lebanese believe, there are too many fighters with a vested interest in perpetuating the conflict to make a settlement attainable.

Although parliament is one of the few constitutional institutions to have survived the civil war, there is a general consensus that it is helpless to influence the warlords and foreign powers who have kept the war going.

"These men have no influence at all on the gunmen who fought the war," said Mustafa Koosh, 38, a Sunni Muslim and professional wrestler.

The current parliament was elected for a four-year term in 1971, three years before the war broke out.

The fighting prevented general elections and the legislators in the 99-seat House have simply voted themselves a new mandate periodically since then.

The main Muslim and Christian militias, who have accrued wide power during the fighting that has fragmented Lebanon into sectarian cantons, as well as the splintered Lebanese Army, have no representatives among the 73 surviving parliament members.

Muslim militia chiefs such as Walid Jumblatt of the Druze Progressive Socialist Party, and Nabih Berri of the Shiite Arab Movement, both have denounced the political reforms being debated in Ta'if as meaningless.

"If Jumblatt or Berri veto any resolutions taken in Ta'if, who's going to be able to implement them?" Koosh asked.

Shawki Khairallah, a columnist with the conservative Ad-Diyar daily based in Christian East Beirut, believes parliament is incapable of disband-

ing the militias.

"These 'heroes' must be brought to trial," Khairallah, a Greek Orthodox Christian, wrote in a commentary.

"They are guilty of mass murder, of butchering and killing, and should be tried in public. Only then we can bid our knives farewell."

Despite the gloom, many Beirutis say they will use the current lull to get their businesses going again.

"I'm going to repair my shop and resume business and I hope this lull lasts long enough for me to make up my losses," said Pierre Shahine, whose electrical tools shop in East Beirut's low-income Dora district was gutted.

The Lebanese despair is rooted in the failure of every peace effort to stop fighting that has killed more than 150,000 people, displaced another one million and ruined the economy.

But there are optimists.

They pin their hopes on the prestige of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, one of the main driving forces behind the peace initiative, and the negotiating skills of senior aides to King Hassan II of Morocco and President Chadli Bendjedid of Algeria.

The three heads of state make up a mediation committee formed by an Arab League summit in Morocco in May.

The committee must have gotten solid assurance of co-operation from Syria. Otherwise it wouldn't have flown the Lebanese parliamentary deputies to Ta'if to discuss a settlement," said Samir Honein, a Christian civil defence volunteer.

He argued that Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, can easily prevail on Jumblatt and Berri to go along with any compromise and that Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun cannot dissent without becoming an outcast in the Arab world. (Beirut — AP)

De Klerk makes a promise

'Total new South Africa'

A NON-RACIAL democracy, nightmare of white supremacists and dream of voteless blacks, might come a step nearer reality if South Africa's new government makes good on pledges of apartheid reform.

The white-led government sworn in this month for a five-year term under President and ruling National Party (NP) leader F.W. de Klerk has promised a "totally new South Africa" free of race domination.

But whether that amounts to scrapping apartheid, the race segregation policy that has earned South Africa international isolation and crippling economic sanctions, is an open question.

De Klerk, a 53-year-old lawyer, has said segregation which does not harm the person it affects is not apartheid.

He wants to give the 25 million black majority the vote and has offered to redefine the groups that are the basis of South Africa's political system to stress cultural and economic differences rather than race.

But he has said residential apartheid can only be altered, not abandoned, and groups, including whites, who demand separate housing and schools will be guaranteed that right.

Whether his plan amounts to real reform in the eyes of the world will be tested next month at a Commonwealth heads of government meeting in Malaysia.

The summit could intensify economic sanctions and heighten pressure on international banks to tighten conditions on loan to South Africa if it decides Pretoria is making no substantial progress towards ending apartheid.

For many South African whites, outnumbered five to one by blacks and increasingly fearful of the future, De Klerk's is a reformist, even radical, vision.

But the black dissident movements say it shows that De Klerk wants merely a refined, modernised version of apartheid.

De Klerk's reform chief, Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Vlooi, told Reuters he was confident Pretoria could remove any justification for sanctions by winning the support of most blacks for its reforms.

In future it will be not so much differences in race as differences in lifestyle, in sophistication... the economic factor should become the decisive factor," he said.



President F.W. de Klerk reforms

"If the (new) group system is acceptable to a majority the people, if it is really attracting participation... I think it would be wrong of the outside world to continue with the economic pressure," Vlooi, 63, said in an interview.

But the complexity of the changes to apartheid outlined by the silver-haired former classics professor demonstrates the gulf between the government and most blacks on reform.

The changes sought by most blacks are simple, if momentous. Anti-apartheid groups say they want

one person, one vote in a unitary state and the complete abandonment of segregation.

Pretoria has consistently rejected those demands, because, it says, they would lead to black majority rule that would fail to protect the interests of the white minority.

Vlooi said his reforms would preserve "guaranteed participation in the ultimate decision making" for whites.

He said he was considering replacing the cornerstone Population Registration Act, which classifies people into the four main groups of blacks, coloured (mixed-race), Asian and white, with a system providing an "open", multi-racial group for people who did not want to be classified on race lines.

He also wants to repeal key laws imposing residential segregation and segregated social amenities. But all three laws, Vlooi said, would be replaced with "more acceptable measures especially of a more economic nature."

He said these might include building parks, leisure facilities and other amenities near townships for blacks.

"The moment when people who would like to be predominantly white in their... residential area are flooded by people from other groups it is because there isn't reasonable facility for those people near the place where they are living."

"So I think there must be more facilities, especially close to where the (blacks) newly developing communities are living."

He said growing black economic power meant the demise of apartheid. Blacks were "forward-moving" and progressive, a fact some whites had not appreciated previously because they saw blacks as being in a different, traditional culture, he said.

"Now, as they urbanise and as they modernise, as they become part of an industrialised society, it becomes apparent that they are very, very adaptable," he said.

"I see the whole matter as an evolutionary process. As standards in all communities approximate each other, become similar, obviously the reasons for differentiation, for separatism (apartheid)... will disappear."

Vlooi said one person one vote would not work in South Africa "at least it won't work satisfactorily. It will work only by force and it will not lead to a better South Africa." (Johannesburg — Reuters)

After scandals, Greece heads for polls

AFTER a season of political turmoil capped by the indictment of former Premier Andreas Papandreu, Greece is now moving toward another time of turbulence, general elections in November.

Ruled since early July by an unlikely alliance of conservatives and communists, the government has been paralyzed as politicians battled over the scandals that helped topple Papandreu's 8-year leftist government.

Constantine Mitsotakis, leader of the conservative New Democracy Party and the main power behind the government, says the cabinet will resign next Friday and hold elections on Nov. 5. A caretaker cabinet, he says, will take the country into elections.

Mitsotakis has been pressing for quick elections in the hope that his party will win the majority in parliament that it failed to capture in the inconclusive June elections.

The murder of his son-in-law and conservative party spokesman, Pavlos Bakoyannis, by a shadowy leftist urban guerrilla gang on Tuesday may strengthen Mitsotakis' bid.

The killing brought an outpouring of grief from all sides of the political spectrum. It could help marshal for the 71-year-old Mitsotakis many of the undecided voters who make up more than 10 per cent of the electorate, according to recent public opinion polls.

Papandreu's predicament should also help the conservatives. He will have to campaign while under indictment. He faces the possibility of imprisonment if found guilty of the charges by a special court of Supreme Court judges.

The 70-year-old Papandreu has denied any wrongdoing during his term in office as head of a Panhellenic Socialist Movement administration.

He was indicted by parliament this past week for allegedly authorising a \$210-million embezzlement from the Bank of Crete and instigating an illegal wiretapping network that monitored the phones of his political friends and foes.

Papandreu's backers have claimed the charges against him are politically motivated, but the govern-

ment has tried not to appear vindictive.

Premier Tzannis Tzannetakis, a New Democracy Party deputy, said in an interview with the liberal daily newspaper Eleftherotypia that it was "not at all pleasant" that the former premier would stand trial.

"But what could we do? Certain things were discovered... could we just let them go by?" In a speech to parliament on Wednesday, Papandreu claimed that the government's charges were based solely on the testimony of the bank's former chairman and owner, George Koskotas.

Koskotas is in a US jail, where he has been fighting extradition since he fled Greece last November. In interviews from prison, he has charged that Papandreu blackmailed him in 1987 into embezzling from the bank and funneling the funds to the Socialist Party, known in Greece as Pasok.

Since his indictment, Papandreu, charged along with four of his ex-cabinet ministers, has remained silent. But his personal spokesman, Telemachos Hytiris said that the former premier remained

"politically combative."

"He will participate in the election campaign and believes sincerely that the results will be beneficial to (the Socialists)," the spokesman said.

Hytiris told the Associated Press that the indictment of Papandreu "has not created any instability" in the country or divided the people.

The business world reacted with optimism following the indictments. The stock market surged to a record high again on Friday for a 10 per cent overall increase in prices over three days of trading.

"The wretched performance of Papandreu and Pasok in parliament, and the conviction that New Democracy Party will win an outright majority in the elections contributed to this," said financial consultant Constantine Harokopos.

The New Democracy Party advocates a free-market policy and closer ties with Nato and the United States. Papandreu has favoured socialist experiments, and his foreign policy has often been to the left of Greece's Nato allies.

Letters to the editor

To err is human

SIR: A gust of wind put some foreign matter into my left eye recently and maybe a particle of sand or something similar stuck on despite my washing the eye. A doctor at the Faiba clinic prescribed some eye drops. I informed the doctor that there is a foreign matter inside and that I could feel the pinch at a particular spot in the upper part of my eye. I further told him that the same thing happened a few years ago and the matter was removed by some wick-like instrument. But the learned doctor was adamant that eye drops will do. I used the eye drops but got no relief.

Then I consulted my university doctor at Khaldiya. He understood and referred me to Ibn Sina Eye

Hospital. And lo! at the casualty ward at Ibn Sina, at about 10.45 am on Sept. 12, the dexterous doctor expelled the foreign sneaks from my eyes, literally in no time.

Had the doctor at the Faiba clinic listened to my diagnosis, I would have been spared some period the painful restlessness which I suffered while carrying the foreign matter in my eye.

However, in the same clinic I also have had experiences wherein certain doctors were at times quick responsive and considerate enough to refer the patient to any specialist when needed. After all doctors are also humans — and prone to error of judgement some times. I hope it will be understood.

Dr Azimushan Haider,
Khaldiya.

Fear splits
Jerusalem

BULLDOZERS are wiping out the last vestiges of the Green Line which divided occupied Jerusalem between Jew and Arab for nearly 20 years, but the two communities remain far apart.

While the last physical gaps along the old border are being filled with concrete and glass, the psychological frontier has widened — most Israelis no longer shop in Arab stores and markets. Many are too afraid to enter the Arab east of the city.

Ironically Arabs are the backbone of the labour force erasing the former border with Jewish west Jerusalem although they are conspicuously absent when leaders of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories call strikes.

Jerusalem's facelift will eradicate the physical evidence of the city's division from 1948 to 1967.

A prestigious shopping mall is to rise from the rubble of the Mamilla area where Arab snipers once fired on passing Israelis from the Jordanian-ruled old city.

Jewish religious seminars will line a highway being built on what was no-man's land beside the now-demolished Mandelbaum Gate, once the only crossing point between the two sectors of the city.

Occupied Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek acknowledges the projects have not overcome the political and psychological divide.

"We did all kinds of things to make the city feel one... the mental part will take much longer, but at least physically we are trying to restore the city to its unified status," he told Reuters.

Researcher Meron Benvenisti, a former deputy mayor, said the construction was pointless.

As long as the Army maintains its coercive force over the eastern half of the city, with the support of the majority of Israeli Jews, the situation will remain the same," he said.

"It is an anachronistic part of the Zionist myth that houses, roads and groves create irreversible political fact."

Israel captured east Jerusalem, including the walled old city, from Jordan in 1967, immediately annexed and proclaimed it part of the capital.

East Jerusalem Arabs never accepted unification, but since the Palestinian uprising began in December 1987, the rift between them and Jews who live mainly in the western part of the city has deepened.

Arabs throw rocks at Israeli targets and stage frequent commercial and general strikes. Police have killed six Palestinians and arrested dozens of activists in east Jerusalem this year.

"You can unite the city, but you can't unite its people," said Israeli construction foreman Zvi Beri, whose company is building the new road.

He said strikes called by the leaders of the uprising had slowed the project since most of the labourers were Palestinians.

It is not clear whether Jews will use the highway, which runs through Arab neighbourhoods, or if Palestinians will shop in the new mall, which lies just west of the old border.

"The divisions are invisible," said Benvenisti, who resigned as deputy mayor in 1979 over the Mamilla project. "It's what I term the geography of fear — people are afraid to cross certain boundaries."

Kollek, 78, puts the city's problems with the uprising into a broader historical context.

"During 3,000 years there were ups and downs. (Life) is much easier than it was before, but it's now a little more difficult than it was three years ago," he said, noting that some Arab children still played in west Jerusalem public parks.

Opposite the highway projects stands a crumbling building that was an Israeli watchpost until 1967 and today houses a museum commemorating the reunification of the city.

Kollek said the bullet holes and sniper positions atop the Turgeman post were "a memorial to how difficult it was to live in a divided city."

The US consul-general used to pass daily from east to west Jerusalem in protest at its division. He had to travel in an Israeli car to Mandelbaum gate, cross on foot and board a Jordanian car on the other side.

American philanthropist Anna Grace Lynd, whose family has lived in the old city for more than 70 years, recalled that the consul-general brought her through the gate once as a special treat in the early 1950s.

"I couldn't bear not going over and seeing the other part of Jerusalem," she said. "As soon as the city was open again in 1967, I was one of the first to dash across."

Kollek, who began his first term as mayor in 1965, said the divided city was depressing. "Tourists used to come to the city for the day, with a sandwich, and go back to Tel Aviv. There was nothing to see. All the hotels were closed, even the King David."

(Occupied Jerusalem — Reuters).

Quote me

"We have formidable challenges before us. To rebuild our economy, to restore law and order... together with the parliamentary duties of a democratic government. Despite this, I have undertaken the journey to your country because I wished to stress the special importance we attach to our relations with the people of Bangladesh."

— Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto making reference to the difficulties awaiting her government in Pakistan.

"The question and practice of the admission of women to the ministerial priesthood in some provinces of the Anglican communion prevents reconciliation between us even where there is otherwise progress toward agreement in faith on the meaning of the eucharist and the ordained ministry."

— A declaration signed by the Catholic church citing the main bone of contention between Catholics and Anglicans.

"The future of Afghanistan does not depend on a certain person or group, but rather on the Afghan nation which has suffered a great deal and should decide the country's fate."

— Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati asking Afghans to depend upon themselves.

"The successful are always tempted to regard their success as a sort of blessing or reward for righteousness. This can lead to judgements being made about the unsuccessful, the unemployed, the poor and the unintelligent which are both uncharitable and untrue."

— Robert Runcie, Anglican archbishop flaying the British society for exhibiting signs of intolerance.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Refinery capacity dips

OECD oil use rose by 2.5pc

PARIS, Oct. 2. (Opecna): Oil consumption in the OECD region rose by 2.5 per cent or 0.9 million bpd to 36.9 million bpd in 1988, a straight rise at an average rate of 2.3 per cent for the third year running.

According to the annual oil market report of the International Energy Agency (IEA), the rise was uniform in terms of regions. In North America, the increase was 2.8 per cent, 5.6 per cent in the Pacific, but 0.6 per cent in Europe. The moderate growth in Europe was due to a mild winter.

However, European consumption rose by 2.1 per cent over the same period in 1987, while the relatively larger increases in the Pacific were led by strong economic growth in Japan.

Motor gasoline and middle distillates witnessed the largest gains in terms of volume — 0.28 million bpd and 0.28 million bpd respectively — while in terms of percentage, the figures were 2.5 per cent and 3.1 per cent in that order. The largest rate of growth was in aviation fuels (4.7 per cent).

Oil's share of total OECD energy requirements fell from 53.4 per cent in 1978 to 42.4 per cent in 1988. Since 1973, OECD countries have reduced oil consumption by 3.9 million bpd, though "this has been more than offset by an increase of 13 million bpd of oil equivalent of all other fuels over this period, primarily nuclear and coal."

Oil supply outside the centrally planned economies (CPES) rose by 2.1 million bpd or 4.3 per cent in 1988 to 50.7 million bpd, while OECD oil production fell by 0.2 million bpd to 16.6 million bpd with reductions in the USA and the UK exceeding gains from Canada and Norway.

Opec countries produced an average of 19.6 million bpd of crude and 1.8 million bpd of natural gas liquids (NGLS) and condensates during the year. Most of the production gains occurred in Saudi Arabia and Iraq, with other Opec countries showing only small increases.

Production in non-Opec developing countries rose by 0.3 million bpd to 9.3 million bpd, with many of the gains taking place in North Yemen, Angola and Syria. Small increases were recorded elsewhere, but Mexico, Brazil and Egypt, the largest producers, showed no increase.

In CPES, net exports of crude and products to the OECD went up by 0.1 million bpd to 2.2 million bpd, made largely possible by increased gas use in the USSR which freed oil from export.

On Dec 31, 1988, world oil reserves were estimated at 983 billion barrels, an increase of 102 billion barrels over 1987. The increase, said the IEA, was "almost totally due to revisions of Saudi Arabia's oil reserves from 167 billion to 252 billion barrels."

Total OECD refining capacity fell by 0.4 million bpd in 1988 to an estimated 37 million bpd, mainly due to refinery closures in Japan and Europe. However, OECD refinery utilisation went up to

almost 78 per cent from 76 per cent in 1987. There was an improvement in refinery margins and at least one refinery was reopened. Outside the OECD, refining capacity increased by 0.2 million bpd to 19 million bpd.

The agency, which was set up by OECD countries after 1973, said oil prices were generally lower in 1988 than in 1987. The weighted average CIF cost of crude imported into IEA countries was \$14.86 per barrel, 17 per cent or \$3.09 lower than in the year before. In November, oil's cost-insurance-freight (CIF) price at \$12.60 was the lowest since August 1986.

However, while the financial performance of the oil industry improved during the year due to a significant increase in downstream earnings, it was partly upset by reduced profits in the upstream sector.

Capital expenditure by oil majors went up by 32 per cent or \$9 billion to \$37 billion. Of this figure, 22.9 billion was for exploration and development.



Talks between Kuwaiti and Niger officials in progress.

Niger seeks financial aid

NIAMEY, Oct. 2. (Kuna): The government of Niger seeks to get financial assistance and loans of about \$100 million to finance seven development projects that are considered vital for its development plan. Kuna learnt today.

A meeting was held this morning at the Planning Ministry between representatives of the Niger's government and officials from the Kuwaiti delegation accompanying the HH the Amir.

A source of the Kuwaiti delegation told Kuna that at the meeting, which was decided to be held by the ministerial meeting yesterday, the two sides exchanged views on seven development

projects that need \$150 million to finance them.

These projects include the building of schools and institutions, land reclamation and building of 300 housing units in rural areas to stop the migration of farmers to cities, in addition to the rehabilitation of the National Cement Company.

The source added that the representatives of the Kuwait Fund For Arab Economic Development and the Kuwait Investment Authority explained the objectives and rules of the two establishments in support of the development and investment projects.

Kuwait, France and Niger

have a joint venture to produce uranium in the Republic of Niger, but the company carrying out the project is facing difficulties.

A specialised consultant company was assigned to prepare an economic feasibility study on this company and whether to keep its services.

The source also said that the Kuwaiti representatives have asked for studies on these projects, their priorities and economic feasibility.

The source added that two of these seven projects might be financed or co-financed by Kuwaiti charitable societies.

Moscow proposes strike ban

MOSCOW, Oct. 2. (Reuters): The government proposed a general ban on strikes today in an apparent attempt to prevent the repetition of a wave of industrial unrest which swept the country in the summer.

Lev Voronin, a first deputy prime minister, who urged the move in a speech to the standing parliament, the Supreme Soviet, said he wanted the ban in force for the entire fourth quarter of this year and for the whole of next year.

The ban must be approved by deputies, but it was not immediately clear when the vote would take place.

The proposed ban was announced by Voronin as part of a series of planned measures which would also include the introduction of a "special form of administration" on the railways in Azerbaijan to end a blockade of Armenia.

Voronin told deputies the "special measures" would apply to the fourth quarter of this year and to 1990.

He said the strike ban would cover "all plants and organisations in all sectors of the economy."

"A series of measures is being worked out to prepare for the onset of winter," he said.

Voronin did not spell out what penalties would apply to violators of the proposed strike ban.

The country's coalfields were virtually paralysed this summer by a wave of strikes which spread from the Siberian Kuzbass to other major coal-producing areas.

Workers in the outlying republics have gone on strike both to press demands for more autonomy from Moscow and, in the case of local Russian minorities, to protest against alleged discrimination by other nationalities.

Iraq to stick to new Opec quota: Chalabi

Subroto to meet EEC officials

LONDON, Oct. 2. (Agencies): Iraq will speak softly, "but carry a big stick" in exercising its growing clout within Opec. Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi asserted in an exclusive interview with Petroleum Intelligence Weekly today.

"Like Saudi Arabia, if there is no agreement I will be free to produce what I want," the Iraqi minister told PIW after last week's Opec meeting in Geneva.

However, he pointed out that Baghdad, for the time being, is optimistic that the growing momentum within the producing group would continue towards a long-term settlement of the problem of dividing quota shares among members with little capacity.

The minister also told the New York-based newsletter, which is widely read here, that Iraq was willing to make sacrifices to assure an agreement by this November.

Baghdad will, for the time being, stick to its new quota of 2.93-million barrels a day.

Al Chalabi explained that Baghdad's increasing strength stems from the rapid rise in its oil sales potential and flexibility, with export capacity building quickly to 5.5 to 6 million barrels a day, nearly twice Iraq's Opec quota and higher than its claimed production capability.

The minister confirmed that a second loading berth will boost flows through its new pipeline through Saudi Arabia to the Red Sea by 500,000 BPD when it is completed next month.

The weekly publication said that Opec crude oil production continued its steady rise in September.

But the newsletter pointed out



Raheem Al Chalabi

that with more co-operative atmosphere in Opec following last week's Geneva meeting and with many members already near full capacity, output may now stabilise near current levels or perhaps decline.

Meanwhile, Iraq paid \$58 million as first instalment to its debt with France following an agreement between the two countries on rescheduling Baghdad's debt, it was announced in Paris today.

According to a statement issued by the Iraqi embassy here, the payment was made last Saturday in accordance to an agreement signed in Baghdad between the two governments last September 18th.

An Iraqi diplomatic source told the Kuwait News Agency that the agreement on resched-

uling portion of the Iraqi debt was discussed in Baghdad by officials from the French finance, foreign trade and defence ministries.

He said the portion of the debt was \$1.3 billion to be paid in a six year period.

According to French estimates, the Iraqi total debt is around \$6 billion.

In another development Boussena criticised today a decision by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to raise its output ceiling for the rest of the year.

"We consider this decision inappropriate in the current situation and kind of artificial," he told Algerian radio. "We could have postponed things until the next ministerial conference in November."

Opec ministers agreed in Geneva last week to raise the group's oil output ceiling to 20.5 million barrels per day (BPD) from 19.5 million BPD in the third quarter. Algeria dissociated itself from the decision saying it lacked the means to defend Opec's target price of \$18 a barrel.

"We are not against raising the ceiling to 20.5 million BPD, but we know that some countries in Opec committee continue to exceed the production quotas," Boussena said.

Subroto, the secretary-general of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, will meet on Thursday with Antonio Cardoso E Cunha, the leading energy official of the European Economic Community, the 12-nation trading bloc.

An Opec spokesman, who demanded anonymity, said the discussions would be the first of their type between the economic groups.

Sheikh Ali meets Aqeel

KUWAIT, Oct. 2. (Kuna): Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa today received chief executive of Egypt's Chemical Industries Company Abdul Mu'iz Aqeel.

They discussed areas of co-operation between the Egyptian company and the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation.

The meeting was attended by Egyptian Ambassador Saeed Mohammed Refaat and managing director and board chairman of the Kuwait Petrochemical Industries Company Abdul Baqi Al Nouri.

Draft budget to be reviewed

KUWAIT, Oct. 2. (Kuna): The executive bureau of the Organisation of the Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) will hold its 65th meeting tomorrow, under the chairmanship of UAE representative at the bureau Nasser Al Sharhan, to discuss the draft budgets of the organisation's judicial body and the Arab Oil Institute for Training.

The meeting will be attended by representatives of Bahrain, Algeria, Libya, Egypt, in addition to the Opec's acting secretary general Abdul Aziz Al Wattari, the institute's director general Burak Yahya and the registrar of the judicial body Rashed Al Dawoudi.

Seminar on energy use

Rationalisation vital

CAIRO, Oct. 2. (Opecna): A regional seminar on rationalizing the use of energy in African industry has begun here with 11 states attending.

Egyptian Industry Minister Mohammed Abdel Wahab told the opening session yesterday that energy rationalisation was vital as it affected production and development, especially in Third World countries.

Citing examples, he said that the increase in industrial production in Egypt had led to a proportionate rise in energy consumption, with this sector alone accounting for 54 per cent of all generated

power. He called on industrialised countries to assist their African counterparts, particularly oil importer, in their efforts to rationalise energy use.

A representative of the UN Industrial Development Organisation (Unido), which has co-sponsored the seminar along with the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the Egyptian Institute of Development and Mineral Studies, said that the African continent had not yet received enough attention from global organisations in many spheres. He pledged more Unido support for African industrial projects in the near future.

behaviour over time," Sullivan said. He said executives welcome the assurance but are concerned "about the frequent references in Chinese government statement and commentaries to foreign plots and subversion and the official rhetoric that seem to view every foreign with suspicion."

Chinese leaders have repeatedly attempted to blame the spring protests on foreign forces. Investor confidence also has been hurt by the ouster in late June of the reformist Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang, and by the new conservative leadership's efforts to quietly roll back many free-enterprise policies.

"If companies become convinced that China is continuing on the track of economic reform, modernisation and openness, foreign business will want to be there," Sullivan said.

"But if the conclusion is that the environment has fundamentally changed, companies will be reluctant to risk capital."

The two-day Citicseminar was closed to the press, but some speech texts were made

available. Several European and Japanese executives were present, as was another former US Secretary of State, Alexander Haig, who now runs a consulting firm.

In his address, Haig, in a reference to China's success in economic reforms but failure to improve its political system, pointed out that "the paths of economic and political reforms converge as a nation ascends the higher road of development."

He said the United States could not determine when those paths would meet in China or "expect other nations to accept our values."

"Yet it can and must be our business as free people to cherish those values, to defend them, and promote them peacefully," Haig said, noting any nation with US relations "must understand that."

Chinese leaders have consistently denied they are rolling back reforms but are known to be taking measures to tighten control over private enterprise in the free-wheeling southern provinces.

China celebrated its 40th year of communist rule with a fireworks spectacular that drew large crowds onto Beijing.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

TOKYO, Oct. 2. (Reuters): Share prices closed mixed after rising early in the day following a decline in the afternoon by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. The Nikkei index fell 13.79 to 35,622.97.

HONG KONG: Share prices ended lower in dull trade as most players stayed on the sidelines in the absence of clear direction. The Hang Seng index shed 11.55 to 2,466.70.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed marginally lower over a broad front after profit-taking in the afternoon pared early gains. The Straits Times industrial index gained 0.07 points to 1,375.25.

BOOMBA: The stock exchange was closed for a national holiday. FRANKFURT: German share prices ended slightly higher on the bourse. The real-time 30-share Dax index

ended 3.43 points higher than Friday's close at 1,577.80. The index had fallen 11.38 points on Friday.

ZURICH: Swiss shares closed lower across the board in quiet trading. The All-Share Swiss performance index fell 15.5 points to 1,161.2.

PARIS: French share prices were easier at mid-session in quiet cautious trading. The CAC-40 index was 27.71 points lower at 1,878.41 at 1200 GMT.

LONDON: A modestly firmer trend on Wall Street lifted prices further above the day's lows in late London trading.

Slower growth for US economy

New export orders up

NEW YORK, Oct. 2. (AP): The manufacturing sector of the American economy declined in September for the fifth consecutive month but at a slower rate than the previous month, according to a report today by the nation's purchasing managers.

Production, employment, new orders and inventories all showed declines, the report said. The purchasing managers' index, a widely watched barometer of the economy's direction, rose to 46 per cent from 45.2 per cent in August and matched the rate for July.

"It is consistent with the way the month seemed to have shaped up," said James Solloway, economist at Argus Research Corp. consulting firm. "During the summer and into September there was a pickup in demand mainly from greater auto purchases as well as strength in exports."

Still, except for August, the index remained at the lowest level since December 1982. A reading below 50 per cent indicates the manufacturing sector of the economy is in decline while a reading above 50 per cent indicates growth, according to the National Association of Purchasing Management.

The index has averaged 49.5 per cent for the first three quarters of 1989.

"Past experience indicates that if this average were to continue for the first quarter, it would be consistent with real GNP growth of about 1.7 per cent for all of 1989," said Robert J. Bretz, survey chairman.

But Bretz also said the index would have to fall below 44 per cent to show economic contraction for the year.

The report also showed some good news about inflation, as prices fell for the fourth consecutive month. Meanwhile, new export orders were up sharply, with 60.5 per cent reporting increases. That compared with 56 per cent the previous month, the highest level since April when the new export order index was 62 per cent.

Despite the slowdown in the pace of decline, Solloway said the manufacturing sector could continue to show weakness in the coming months, as the automobile sector cuts back production and as housing starts and sales soften.

Although production declined in September, the production index rose to 48.5 per cent from 46.5 per cent in August.

The index for new orders rose to 45.4 per cent from 45.1 per cent in the previous month. And the inventories index rose to 45.1 per cent from 43.3 per cent in August.

Business confidence in China shaken, says Sullivan

BEIJING, Oct. 2. (UPI): The president of America's leading private council on trade with China warned today that US business confidence has been severely shaken by Beijing's crackdown on dissent and will not recover without firm assurance for the future.

In an address to Chinese and foreign business executives, Roger Sullivan, president of the United States-China Business Council, said American companies are "deeply troubled" by the June crackdown on the pro-democracy movement in China.

"Relations have been damaged," he said. "The question is for how long and what can be done to get back on the track we were on in May."

Sullivan's remarks, among the most blunt made by an American business leader since the June massacre in Tiananmen Square, came at a business seminar sponsored by the China International Trust and Investment Corp., known as Citic, the nation's leading business conglomerate.

The seminar, marking Citic's 10th

anniversary, also coincided with China's celebration of 40 years of communist rule Sunday, but was marred by the refusal of most invited Western executives to attend, including former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Although most foreign executives returned to China after fleeing the June violence, only a few new ventures have been signed since then. The United States is China's biggest foreign business investor, with \$3.5 billion invested during the past decade.

But Sullivan warned that American executives, accustomed to the last decade of free-market economic reforms, the "open-door" policy and a moderate political climate, are reassessing China and "are less confident now."

Noting executives would base their evaluation on business rather than moral concerns, Sullivan indicated Chinese assurances of no change in policy have proven insufficient.

"The answer to that question will be clear only after foreign companies have observed consistency of policy and

behaviour over time," Sullivan said.

He said executives welcome the assurance but are concerned "about the frequent references in Chinese government statement and commentaries to foreign plots and subversion and the official rhetoric that seem to view every foreign with suspicion."

Chinese leaders have repeatedly attempted to blame the spring protests on foreign forces. Investor confidence also has been hurt by the ouster in late June of the reformist Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang, and by the new conservative leadership's efforts to quietly roll back many free-enterprise policies.

"If companies become convinced that China is continuing on the track of economic reform, modernisation and openness, foreign business will want to be there," Sullivan said.

"But if the conclusion is that the environment has fundamentally changed, companies will be reluctant to risk capital."

The two-day Citicseminar was closed to the press, but some speech texts were made

Saudi minister in Bonn

BONN, Oct. 2. (Kuna): Visting Saudi Finance and Economy Minister Mohammed Abul Khalil held talks here today with West German Minister of Economics Helmut Haussmann.

Official spokesman for the Ministry of Economics Volker Franz told Kuna that talks dealt with bilateral relations and preparations for the meeting of the Saudi-West German joint economic committee due to be held next January.

The talks also covered the future relations between Saudi Arabia and the European Economic Community as well as the relations between the EEC and

the Gulf Co-operation Council in the light of the decision to set up the single European market by the end of 1992.

Abul Khalil arrived here yesterday on a short visit that will come to an end tomorrow.

West German exports to Saudi Arabia during the first half of this year reached 1.4 billion marks, compared with only 2.7 billion in 1988.

The Saudi exports to West Germany during the first half of this year were estimated at 600 million marks, compared with 1.2 billion last year.

TOYOTA

New brand mark for Toyota vehicles

TOYOTA CITY, Oct 2 (UPI): Toyota Motor Corporation announced a new brand mark for its "Toyota-brand" vehicles. The company plans to introduce the mark world-wide beginning in early 1990.

The new mark was created to represent the Toyota brand and to symbolise the advanced features and dependability of Toyota-brand vehicles. It will be used on all new Toyota-brand vehicles introduced in or after 1990.

"We at Toyota consider customer satisfaction the starting point of automobile manufacture, and to create cars with a view to the twenty-first century, we're making positive efforts in research and development of advanced technology, as well as endeavouring to expand and improve our quality assurance and service systems," said Toyota President Shoichiro Toyota.

"Our new Toyota-brand mark will join an earlier introduced Lexus-brand mark as the company's second. Lexus is the name of Toyota's new luxury line of cars marketed in the US and soon to be introduced in other selected markets."

The design consists of three ellipses. In geometrical terms, an ellipse contains two central points. One of these points represents that heart of our customers and the other the heart of our product. The ellipse thus symbolically unifies the two hearts.

The combined vertical and horizontal ellipses symbolise the "T" of Toyota. The space in the background represents Toyota's ever-expanding technological advancement and the boundless opportunities that lie ahead.

Channel tunnel price tag up

LONDON, Oct 2 (UPI): Rising construction costs have driven the price tag for building the channel tunnel high-speed rail-link between Britain and France up nearly 40 per cent to about £7 billion (\$11.27 billion), the Anglo-French consortium Eurotunnel announced today.

The original forecast for the private sector project was set at about £4.85 billion (\$7.80 billion) in 1987, Eurotunnel said. But the group said higher construction and equipment costs have forced it to seek additional funding in recent months.

Eurotunnel's joint board met Sunday in Paris to review progress over the summer, but were unable to reach an agreement with contractor Transmanche-Link (TML) on how to handle the cost increases advised by TML. The two parties failed to agree over substantial differences in estimates of projected construction costs.

"Consequently, it has not been possible to determine with Eurotunnel's syndicate of banks an acceptable forecast of costs to complete the project which can be used as a basis for arranging the necessary additional funding," Eurotunnel said in a joint announcement to the London and Paris stock exchanges today.

TM's projections differ from Eurotunnel's mainly on the anticipated costs of the lump sum works, influenced by a large number of as yet unsubstantiated claims, Eurotunnel said.

Currency rates

KUWAIT, Oct 2 (Kuna) Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, yesterday:

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.25682	0.25697
Sterling	0.47863	0.48080
Dm	0.15751	0.15825
S fr	0.18183	0.18276
F fr	0.04646	0.04687
Il ira	0.0002163	0.0002174
Jap yen	0.0021243	0.0021335
Bh dinar	0.78486	0.78793
UAE dir	0.08053	0.08087
S ryal	0.07987	0.07919
O ryal	0.08123	0.08162
O ryal	0.76816	0.77166

EXCHANGE RATES

Indian rupee	17.850
Sri Lankan rupee	7.520
Pakistani rupee	14.190
Bangladesh taka	9.120
US dollar	29685
Pound sterling	48175
Deutsche mark	15845
UAE dirham	0.08080
Japanese yen	0.002140

Intervention is not a panacea, says Japanese official

Doubts remain over success of G-7 dollar attack

WASHINGTON, Oct 2 (Reuters): Even before the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank ended last week, small differences in approach to the dollar were showing up among the members of the Group of Seven.

If their concerted selling succeeds in breaking the back of the currency market's enthusiasm for the dollar, those differences should not matter.

But if it fails they could loom large, bankers warned.

So far, the intervention has worked. It has knocked the dollar seven yen lower since the G-7 — Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the United States and West Germany — unveiled its communiqué on September 23.

Just the fact that major nations

agreed that the dollar was too high and patched together an intervention strategy to bring it down was an accomplishment.

Before the G-7 meeting, several policymakers, including British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson, had signalled that the group thought the dollar's level was tolerable, provided it did not go any higher.

But other nations, notably Japan, made no secret that they believed the dollar was too high and interviewed to sap its strength.

If the dollar rally picked up steam, the already huge US trade gap would grow even wider as American goods became priced out of foreign markets and imports became cheaper — a recipe for intensifying protectionist pressure

in the US Congress.

A Japanese official said the Bundesbank, West Germany's Central Bank, had criticised the Bank of Japan's intervention tactics in the past, saying its dollar sales only provided speculators with a chance to buy cheap dollars.

But despite doubts about the effectiveness of intervention, the Bundesbank joined in last week's concerted attack on the dollar.

Hans Tietmeyer, state secretary in the West German Finance Ministry, said currency intervention has only a limited role to play and policy co-ordination must remain loose.

"Intervention is not a panacea," a Japanese official said.

If intervention fails to tame the

dollar, the G-7 will have to consider taking other action, such as changes in interest rates. But it is not clear it is willing to do so.

Major nations seem unwilling to sacrifice domestic policy concerns just to tame the dollar, a Japanese official said.

West German and Japanese officials said currency market conditions would not be the sole criterion for rate changes.

And the US Federal Reserve has shown no sign it is willing to cut rates, a move many dealers said could be crucial to bringing the dollar lower.

Even within the nations themselves, there are differences over money policy. The US treasury would like interest rates lower, but the Fed does

not.

The Japanese Finance Ministry has been much more adamant than the Bank of Japan that there is no need for Tokyo to raise interest rates, although the Central Bank has toned down its anti-inflation rhetoric following the dollar's swift drop.

A Japanese official said the G-7 may also differ over how far the dollar should fall.

A Bank of Japan official said the bank would like the dollar to drop to the levels that prevailed at the time of the G-7 meeting in April, when it stood at about 132 yen. On Friday it closed in New York at 139 yen.

Some West German officials who attended last week's meeting seemed more concerned about the mark's level

against the currencies of its European partners than about its level against the dollar.

That in part reflects the success West Germany has had in cutting its trade surplus with the United States at the same time that its surplus with the rest of Europe has gone up.

A Bank of Japan official said Japan was more concerned about the dollar's value than West Germany because so much of its trade is with the United States and is denominated in dollars.

Such differences did not appear to matter much last week as the G-7 succeeded in knocking the dollar lower.

But they could become increasingly important if the markets start to question the usefulness of intervention without changes in G-7 economic policy.

Plans to boost Third World financial aid

Taiwan to inject new funds

TAIPEI, Oct 2 (Reuters): One of the world's big holders of foreign exchange reserves, plans to substantially increase financial aid to Third World countries for development projects, officials said today.

They said the government will expand the International Economic Co-operation Development Fund, established in October 1988, to between \$3 and \$5 billion in the next five years from the current \$1 billion.

"Requests for financial aid from the Third World are larger than expected and we believe our current funds cannot meet the demand," an official of the Economic Ministry said in an interview.

"We expect the \$1 billion to be used up in between three and five years and then we will have to inject new funds," he said.

The official, who declined to be named, said the ministry had

over the past four months approved aid totalling almost \$100 million to several nations, including Panama and Costa Rica, to set up industrial zones.

Other countries, including

Indonesia, the Philippines, Guatemala, Malawi and the Dominican Republic, have applied for similar funds. Development projects now being screened include coal mines, highway construction and industrial zones.

"We offer financial aid in the form of 20-year loans with interest rates as low as about three per cent per annum," the official said.

Eastern bloc countries may be included in the financial aid when trade and investment between Taiwan and the East bloc reach certain levels, the official said without elaborating.

Taiwan, diplomatically isolated by its ideological enemy, Communist China, now trades directly with seven Eastern European countries including East Germany and Poland.

It has diplomatic ties with only 24 countries, mostly small states in Central and South America

and the Caribbean. But its trading power has earned it some \$80 billion in foreign currency and gold reserves, the world's largest after Japan.

"We can use financial aid to strengthen our ties with the Third World and at the same time boost our international image," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Chen Yu-Chu.

"We have achieved economic success and have an obligation to share some of it with other developing nations," said Li Kao-Chao, director of the Economic Research Department of the government's Council for Economic Planning and Development.

Kaifu promises to review tax

Japan won't abolish sales tax

TOKYO, Oct 2 (Reuters): Kaifu, cheered by a landslide by-election victory for his party, said today his government would not abolish an unpopular sales tax.

"Seen from the standpoint of the fairness of the tax burden and our country's future outlook, the sales tax is indispensable," Kaifu said in his first policy speech to parliament since taking power in August.

"We have absolutely no intention of abolishing it," the tax would not be raised from its current three per cent, he said.

Kaifu said the rousing victory for his Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) candidate in the upper house by-election on Sunday gave him confidence.

The race was closely watched as a signpost to the future of the

embattled LDP, racked by the party's sponsored three per cent sales tax, the Recruit shares-for-favours affair and a sex scandal involving former prime minister Sosuke Uno.

"(The result) showed that the people understood our position of diligently undertaking political reform and a review of the sales tax," Kaifu said.

The opposition, led by the Japan Socialist Party, has demanded an abolition of the tax, ramrodded through parliament by the LDP.

Kaifu has promised to review the tax, but so far has made no concrete proposals.

The prime minister, who took power on August 9, promised to present reforms of proportional

representation and political funding by next March.

Sunday's victory gave a needed shot in the arm to the ruling party, following a crushing defeat on July 23 when it lost its upper house majority.

It came as Kaifu and the LDP prepared to do battle in parliament from this week on the thorny sales tax issue, the main cause of the July defeat.

Political analysts expect it to be a hot debate between the LDP and the opposition led by the Japan Socialist Party, which last week unveiled an alternative tax package.

Sunday's big win raised questions of the timing of general elections to decide who runs Japan.

The LDP wants to postpone a decision until as late as possible, since under the current arrangement the party feared it could lose power, which it has held since 1955.

Political science professor Kuniko Inoguchi of Sophia University said Sunday's victory showed that voters have come to terms with the tax.

"The counter-campaigning by the LDP on the need for some kind of fiscal base has been understood by the people," she said.

She said Kaifu himself is seen by voters as a modest and sincere figure, in contrast to his two predecessors, Noboru Takeshita and Sosuke Uno, both embroiled in scandals.

Air France, Lufthansa sign accord

BERNARD ATTALI, president of Air France, and Heinz Ruhnau, chairman of the executive board of Lufthansa German Airlines, signed an important co-operation agreement on Sept 15, 1989 in Paris. It is intended to put both partners in a position to make joint preparations for the year 2000.

Permanent links are planned to be established between the managements of the two companies with the objective of creating a regular exchange of information about the situation in both companies and opening up new areas of co-operation.

Air France and Lufthansa have already agreed to co-operate for example: the EDF-supported sales sector; through the continuation and extension of their co-operation in the Amadeus travel sales system; in air traffic serving Berlin; through the extension of their joint subsidiary EuroBerlin France; which has entered the quality competition on routes between Berlin and the rest of the Federal Republic of Germany.

In the area of in-flight catering, through the establishment of "LSG-Servair," a joint subsidiary of LSG Lufthansa Service (50%) and Servair (50%), Air France's catering subsidiary.

In flights offered: through the planning of new connections between Europe on several long distance destinations; in the area of pilot training through the use of the Lufthansa civil aviation pilot school in Phoenix (Arizona) for the basic flight training of Air France's future pilots.

This agreement represents an important step forward in the development of economic relations between France and the Federal Republic of Germany.

World Bank loan for Morocco

WASHINGTON, Oct 2 (Kuna): The World Bank has granted Morocco a \$23 million loan to help finance a project of modernising a number of public departments, the official Moroccan news agency, MAP, reported today.

A loan agreement in this respect was concluded Thursday in Washington by Moroccan Minister of Finance Mohamed Berrada and director of the World Bank's Maghreb department Kemal Dervis. Specifically, the loan will be used to purchase computers and train cadres of a number of economically-oriented ministries with the objective of reinforcing public administration's analytic and management capacities in matters of public investments and macro-economic data.

The loan, it was stressed here, will help the Moroccan public sector adapt its structures to keep pace with recently introduced reforms, mainly in matters of investment budgets, foreign trade, planning and foreign debt management.

Airlines join forces

EEC prepares for '92 liberalisation

BRUSSELS, Oct 2 (Reuters): To survive tougher competition after 1992, the European Economic Community is anxious to secure cheaper fares and more choice for travellers.

In the past month, Air France and West Germany's Lufthansa have concluded a broad co-operation pact while Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) has decided to swap shares with Swissair.

British Airways and Dutch flag-carrier KLM are planning to buy a 10 per cent stake each in Belgium's Sabena.

European airlines, including those outside the 12-nation community, are preparing for the creation of a single EEC market free of internal barriers in 1992. Several have also struck alliances with US airlines.

"If life is to become more competitive, size will become important," said Ian Wild, airline analyst at London stockbrokers Barclays de Zoet Wedd.

"Airlines are covering themselves."

On Friday, EEC transport ministers meet in Paris to discuss liberalising the government-dominated airline industry.

But they are determined to avoid the pitfalls of US deregulation a decade ago, when fare-cutting wars and big mergers killed off smaller airlines, pushing prices up again.

"We can see that there's a motivation labelled 1992," said an EEC official, referring to the recent spate of European link-ups. "But we don't want to

create a US-style situation where the big airlines swallow up the small ones."

Measures put forward by the EEC's executive commission would abolish several government restrictions on cheap fares as long as pricing as long as States could no longer, without good reason, refuse traffic rights to any airline on their territory that was fit to fly.

Some EEC officials say this would vindicate a complaint by French private airline UTA that it is unfairly excluded from European routes operated by state-owned giant Air France.

Airlines would also be more able to fly between destinations in another EEC nation or pick up passengers in a foreign EEC capital on their way to a third.

Separate legislation, currently being negotiated by governments, would give the commission the automatic right to vet big corporate mergers, including those between airlines.

Brussels already has discretionary powers to outlaw anti-competitive practices but it has made little use of them in the government-dominated airline sector.

And although transport ministers are committed to approving more deregulation by July 1990, building on modest steps taken two years ago, progress is likely to be slow.

Japan's economic power greater threat to US, says study

WASHINGTON, Oct 2 (UPI): More Americans believe Japan's economic power is a greater threat to the United States than the military power of the Soviet Union, a poll released Saturday by Newsweek magazine showed.

The magazine, in a poll of 600 adults conducted Sept 28 and 29, found 52 per cent of those questioned considered Japan's economic power to be a greater threat to the United States as opposed to 33 per cent who considered the Soviet Union's military power to be the bigger threat.

Another 6 per cent felt both were on equal threat and 9 per cent said they did not know, the magazine said.

When asked if Japan has a fair trade policy or an unfair trade policy with the

United States, 52 per cent said Japan's trade policies were unfair, 24 per cent said they were fair, and 24 per cent said they did not know.

Yet, 42 per cent attributed the US trade deficit with Japan to the high quality of Japanese products. Only 31 per cent said unfair trade practices attributed to the deficit while 11 per cent both factors contributed to the deficit. Another 16 per cent said they didn't know.

When asked if the Bush administration was doing enough to make Japan adopt more fair trade practices, 44 per cent said it was not doing enough, 18 per cent said it was doing enough, 15 per cent said it was not necessary to do anything and 23 per cent said they did not know.

The poll was taken at the end of a week

that saw the huge Sony Corp. of Japan prepare to buy Columbia Pictures.

Of the 53 per cent of those questioned who heard about the transaction, 43 per cent considered the deal a bad thing, 19 per cent said it was a good thing, 8 per cent said it did not make much difference and 30 per cent said they did not know.

A majority, 53 per cent, said the US government should spend more to subsidise and protect American companies that directly compete with Japanese companies. But 37 per cent said the government should not interfere and 10 per cent said they did not know.

A majority, 37 per cent, also advocated stiffer tariffs and quotas on Japanese goods as a way to reduce the trade deficit. But, 29 per cent opposed quotas and tariffs

for fear they might result in higher prices for consumers. Another 12 per cent worried that trade restrictions might make Japan a less reliable ally while 22 per cent said they did not know.

A large majority of those questioned, 60 per cent, said they would seriously consider boycotting Japanese products if Japan does not make its trade practices with the United States more fair. Another 35 per cent said they would not consider a boycott and 5 per cent said they did not know.

Another large majority, 64 per cent, said the purchase of companies and real estate in the United States by the Japanese is bad because it increases foreign control over the US economy.

Tokyo shares

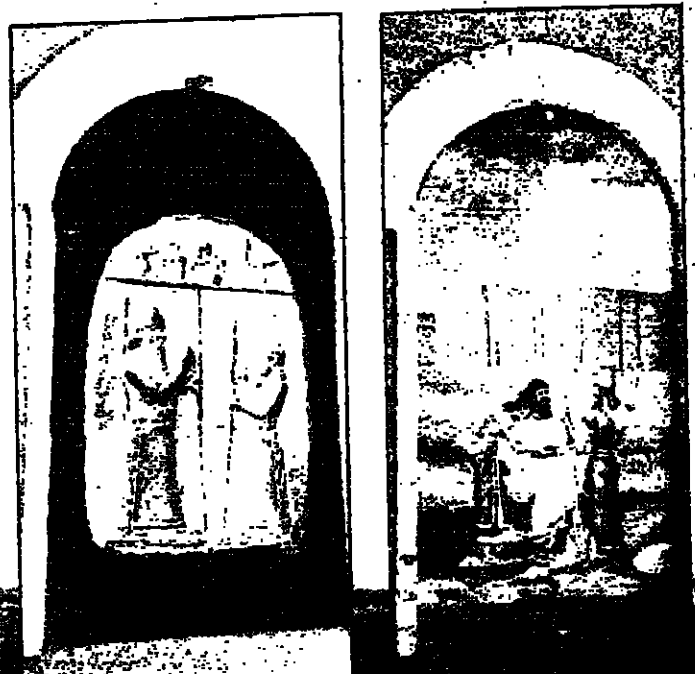
Nikkei stock average: 35622.97		
Yen exchange rate: 136.25		
Name of stock	Close	Change
Advanced Corp	4870	+20
Ajinomoto	2800	-40
Alps Electric	1780	-40
Amada	2130	+20
Asahi Chem Ind	1250	+20
Asahi Glass	3170	-30
C. Itoh Co	975	+14
Canon Inc	1900	-10
Casio Comp	1410	-20
D N Printing	2370	+40
Daiichi Sanyo	3170	-10
Dainippon Ph	2890	-10
Daisanchem Corp	1790	+10
Eiei	2450	-20
Fujitsu Ltd	7640	-20
Fuji Photo	4740	-80
Fujitsu Ltd	1570	-10
Hitachi Credit	2050	+20
Hitachi Koki	2030	+70
Hitachi Ltd	1550	+10
Hitachi Metal	1630	0
Honda Motor	1930	+10
Ito-Yokado	4900	+60
Kajima Corp	1030	-10
Kawasaki H I	1050	-10
Kobe Cast Iron	975	-18
Kokusai Elec	3290	-80
Konsens Ltd	1260	-10
Kyocera Corp	1520	-170
Maru	3600	-30
Mat Comm Ind	3200	+10
Mat Electric	2340	+10
Mitsubishi C	1030	-20
Mitsubishi Corp	1570	+10
Mitsubishi Estate	2470	+10
Mitsubishi H I	1140	-20
Mitsui Bussan	2180	-20
Mitsui Kasei	1850	-50
Mitsui Kasei	3810	-80
Moni Seiki Co	4650	+70
NEC Corp	1480	-20
Nippon Soda Co	1900	+20
Nippon Steel Corp	757	-3
Nippondenso	2550	+40
Nitron Corp	1410	-10
Nomura Sec	3220	-30
Onoda Mach	1770	0
Onward K Co	2310	-50
Orion Corp	7400	-200
Pioneer Elec Co	3200	-300
Renova Leek	2610	-60
Sanyo Elec Co	894	-11
Secom Co Ltd	7820	+10
Shin-Etsu Chem	1800	+20
Shimadzu Corp	1290	+50
Sony Corp	8390	-110
Suntomoto Elec	1580	-10
Suntomoto Metal	735	-8
Takata Chemical	2470	-30
Tokai Corp	5750	-10
Tokai Marine	2080	+10
Tokyo Elec	5900	+10
Tokyo Electron	3370	0
Topyan Printing	2120	-10
Toshiba Ind Inc	999	+19
Toysota Motor	1210	-20
Yaskawa Elec	2550	-20
Yaskawa Elec	1330	+20
UPJ adds		
Bayan Placem	1880 dn 50	
Calpis	1540 dn 10	
Canon	1900 dn 10	
Daiwa House	2800 up 60	
Fuji Bank	3600 up 60	
Fuji Photo	1160 up 10	
JAL	17200 dn 100	
Kajima	2150 dn 40	
Komatsu	1260 up 10	
Mitsui Bank	2550 dn 10	
Nissan	1570 up 40	
Nippon	3220 dn 50	
Sekisui	2470 up 10	
Sharp	1420 up 10	
Shimadzu	2340 up 10	
Tokai Corp	1570 up 10	
Yokogawa	1930 dn 30	

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Bombay share prices

Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs) Oct 2	Pr. Close	Open	Close
ACC	258	273	272.50
Alcan Chem	—	—	—
Alco Nis	—	—	—
Art Pl	—	—	—
Ashtok Ley	76.50	76	77
Asia Paint	201.25	202.50	205
Auto Corp	70	70	72
Nat Indent	381.96	384.25	384.25
Bajaj Auto	312.50	315	315
Bar Rayon	727.50	727.50	730
Blow Blast	—	—	—
Bom Dye	127	127	132.50
BK Bond	91	92	91
Barr Wal	185	182.50	187.50
Cashmere	—	—	

Babylon



A painting at the Babylon museum

A plaque on the wall of the Babylon museum

BABYLON, Iraq, Oct. 2. (AP) Songs written 6,000 years ago, and deciphered from ancient stone tablets, were featured in a cultural extravaganza that opened on Sept. 22 for a fortnight in the ancient city of Babylon, rebuilt by President Saddam Hussein.

An Iraqi troupe performed songs, dance and music based on the Babylonian music. The ancient music was played primarily on harps, some of which have been found in the ruins of the city on the banks of the Euphrates river.

Munir Bashir, chief director of the Babylon festival and other Iraqi researchers spent months unravelling the notations on the stone tablets to reproduce the primitive tunes which were performed in public for the first time in millennia.

Bashir, 59, is director of music at the Ministry of Information and Culture and is the world's most renowned virtuoso of the oud, an Arabic stringed instrument that was the forebear of the lute.

Babylon's reconstructed palaces and temples, and the ruins that still ring them, are echoing again with music, opera, dance and drama performed by troupes from the United States, the Soviet

Union, Japan and 35 other countries as far-flung as Nepal and Zambia.

The festival, the third held in Babylon, centres on the 2,500-seat Greek amphitheatre, built in the 4th century BC by Alexander the Great, who died in Babylon, and the Al Arsh, or crown hall in the palace of Nebuchadnezzar II and the Ninmakh temple.

"Babylon was the centre of the world's civilisation, arts and culture and it is right that it regain that fame again," said Bashir.

"The festival is intended to be a cultural exchange between the peoples of the world," he told the Associated Press.

The Soviet Union has sent in Azerbaijani dance troupe which is performing a ballet based on the 1,001 Nights and specially written for the festival.

Egypt has sent a folk troupe that includes dancing star Farida Fahmi. The Joyce Trislet dance troupe from the United States is here, along with groups from Spain, Greece, Belgium, India, West Germany and Arab countries.

The first festival was staged in 1987, while Iraq was still at war with Iran. Last year's festival was held a month after a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire took effect.

An estimated 100,000 people flocked to Babylon, 55 miles (96 kilometres)

south of Baghdad, for last year's festival for performances by artistes from 24 countries, including Brazilian guitarist Maria Liva Sao Marcos, America's Jeff Gardner jazz quartet, the Leningrad Ballet and the Glamors folk group from Norway.

There were only a handful of Europeans and Americans. Iraqis this year did intensive promotional campaign abroad. And Baghdad's hotels are packed with people, who have flocked to the Iraqi capital to enjoy the festival.

"Now the war's over, we expect many more people," Bashir noted before the opening of the festival.

The amphitheatre this year has been equipped with sophisticated technology, including sound effects and three-dimensional projectors, to transform the performances at the ancient site into what one official called "a journey through time."

Saddam has reconstructed Babylon at a cost of around \$100 million in an ambitious programme to revive the splendours of Iraq's glorious past.

It is also the showcase of the government's drive to build up a tourist industry, including hotels and other facilities around the ancient city, following last year's ceasefire in the Gulf war.

Thousands of Iraqi, Sudanese and Egyptian labourers have toiled in the blistering heat for the last few years to rebuild the 54,000-square foot (5,000-square-metre) palace of Nebuchadnezzar, the temples of Nabashkhari and Ninmakh, the processional way, Babylon's main thoroughfare, and the Ishtar Gate, named after the Babylonians' main goddess.

Officials said an estimated 15 million bricks, baked as they were in ancient times, were used to restore the city's monuments based on archaeological evidence, cuneiform texts and the description of historians of the day.

Saddam plans further restoration work at Babylon.

The Iraqis claim that the ancient land known as Mesopotamia, or "land between the rivers," the Euphrates and Tigris, was the "cradle of civilisation."

It is the reputed site of the Garden of Eden. The Babylonians ruled an empire that flourished as a cultural, religious and commercial centre for hundreds of years.

The legal and social codes they developed were the first to provide for individual and family rights and have influenced legal systems throughout the world in the centuries since then.

Book retouches image

King Farouk reincarnated

EGYPT'S last king, long dismissed as a womaniser and gambler, is getting his image retouched in a new book which sets out to show the serious side of the man.

In 'A King Betrayed', author Adel Sabit argues that the late King Farouk — who sailed into exile 37-years-ago — was much more seriously committed to preparing for war against Israel than his frivolous image suggested.

He also paints a picture of a young and lonely monarch who might have offered hope of a new era in Egypt had he not been let down by inexperience and ill-chosen advisers.

"I am not defending Farouk," says Sabit, a distant cousin and one-time adviser to the king. "I am trying to show him as a human being like anyone else... put the historical story in the right perspective."

"The book, written in English, is to be published in October.

The daily newspaper Al-Akhar has just serialised translated excerpts, a sign of changing times in Egypt where until recent years a book like 'A King Betrayed' could hardly have appeared.

Few Egyptians want the monarchy back. But in today's climate of economic hardship many wonder whether the experiment in socialism, introduced by the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser after Farouk's abdication, was worth it.

Farouk became king in 1936, aged only 16. "A handsome fresh-faced Arabic-speaking boy, he was everybody's prince charming," says Sabit.

But he was shy, inexperience and chose his advisers badly.

"This was indeed his tragedy. Farouk was lonely, had few friends and did not know how to make them," says Sabit. "He remained a lonely king until the end."

He also fell foul of the British authorities, who treated Egypt not as a colony but as an ambiguously defined protectorate and who suspected Farouk of sympathising with Nazi Germany.

The early part of his reign, says Sabit, was dominated by World War II and humiliating British domination.

Later Farouk led the country into a disastrous defeat in a war against the newly-created state of Israel in 1948.

Notorious for his extravagant lifestyle, it was easy for Farouk's

enemies to create an image of him as a reckless monarch who dined at banquets while his country rioted, Sabit says.

But he says it was rather Farouk's loyalty to Egypt's Palestine commitments that lost him support among Western powers and ultimately cost him his throne.

After the 1948 defeat, Farouk quietly began preparations for a new war and refused what Sabit calls a veiled American offer of bribes to make peace with Israel.

A German general who had fought in Egypt during World War II, Arthur Wilhelm Schmitt, was smuggled out of Germany to retrain the Egyptian army.

The plan was to train in secret an army of one million men in a remote part of the desert, says Sabit, who acted as a liaison officer between Schmitt and the king.

But the idea never got off the ground, with Farouk's own commander-in-chief, his pride piqued, refusing to co-operate.

Unknown to Farouk, a second German general was imported through the American Central Intelligence agency (CIA) — ensuring that Egypt's war plans would be well known in Israel.

Schmitt packed his bags and left. Unhappy with Farouk, the CIA also flirted with the young army officers led by Nasser who were later to seize power.

Sabit, however, refuses to judge on decades of speculation about CIA involvement in the 1952 coup which ousted Farouk.

"I don't think the CIA was that efficient then," he jokes, adding that if anyone used anyone, it was more likely that the Egyptians used the CIA than the other way round.

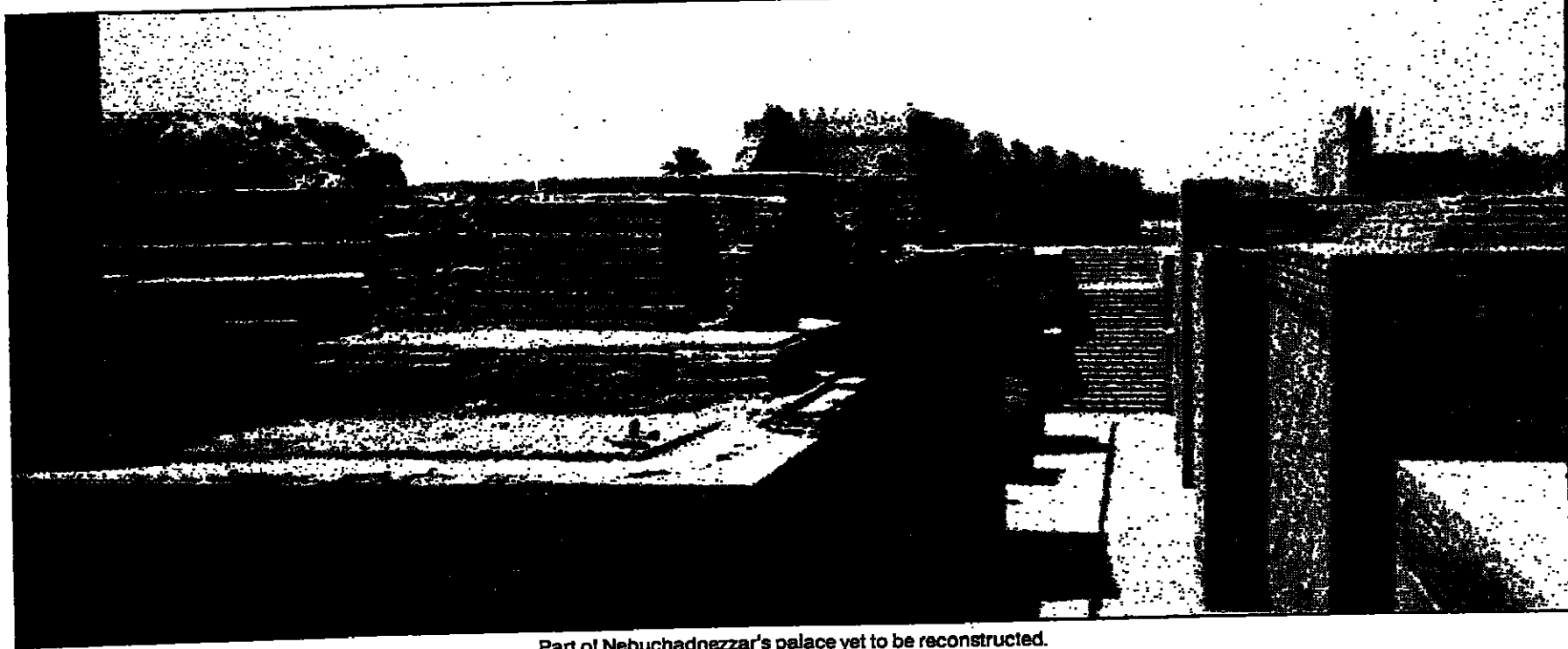
By the 1950s Egypt was descending into chaos. There were attacks on British troops and later riots in Cairo.

In July 1952, the army officers seized power in Cairo while Farouk was inspecting the royal yacht in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria. They were barely armed.

Farouk could have driven straight to an army garrison in Alexandria and taken command of military force which outnumbered the Cairo rebels, says Sabit. Instead he hesitated and did nothing.

Three days later, Farouk abdicated and sailed off on the royal yacht. He died in exile in Rome in 1965. (Cairo, Reuter).

Thousands of Iraqi, Sudanese and Egyptian labourers have toiled in the blistering heat for the last few years to rebuild the 54,000-square foot (5,000-square-metre) palace of Nebuchadnezzar, the temples of Nabashkhari and Ninmakh, the processional way, Babylon's main thoroughfare, and the Ishtar Gate, named after the Babylonians' main goddess. Officials said an estimated 15 million bricks, baked as they were in ancient times, were used to restore the city's monuments based on archaeological evidence, cuneiform texts and the description of historians of the day.



Part of Nebuchadnezzar's palace yet to be reconstructed.

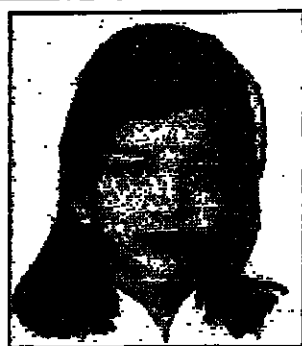


The amphitheatre echoes again with music, opera, dance and drama. (Photos by Atiqus Samad)

Happy birthday



Kevin Kristy celebrates his 1st birthday on October 3. Happy birthday from Manu and Anu. Kevin's hobby is to run around the house.



Supriya Shrivastava celebrates her 8th birthday on October 4. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Supriya goes to the New Indian School and likes swimming and dancing.



George Pinhiro celebrated his birthday on October 2. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. George goes to the Indian School and likes reading and television.



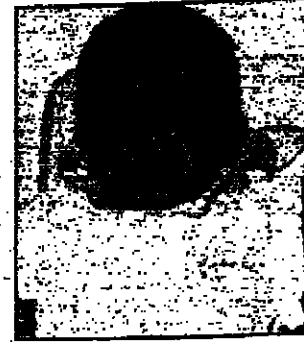
Pushpa Peter celebrates her 11th birthday on October 3. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Pushpa goes to the Carmel School and likes dancing.



Assad Shaikh celebrated his 11th birthday on September 26. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Assad goes to the Indian School and likes reading and playing judo.



Fariel Kabir celebrated her 1st birthday on October 2. Happy birthday from parents family and friends.



Fahd Tariq Khalil celebrated his 1st birthday recently. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.



Marohayat M. Pabustan celebrated her 4th birthday on October 1. Belated greetings from papa, mama and Tita Babes. Marohayat enjoys dancing.



Melissa Paula Falcao celebrates her birthday today, October 3. Happy birthday from Janessa, Russel, Ralph, Lester, Leon, mum and dad.



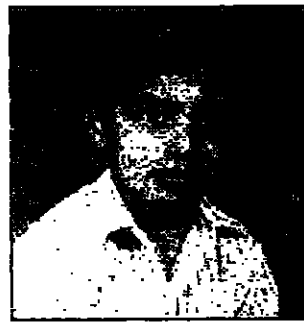
Prem D. Sharma celebrated his 11th birthday on Sept 30. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Prem goes to the Indian School and likes swimming, football and acting.



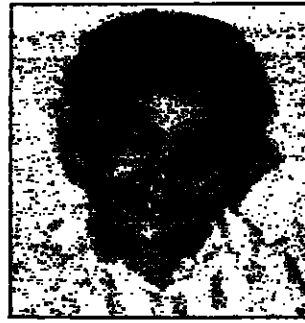
Vinu Varghese celebrated his 7th birthday on September 29. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Vinu goes to the United Indian School and likes drawing and cartoons.



Abdur Siddique celebrated his 2nd birthday on September 28. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Abdur likes watching cartoons and playing.



Deepjot Singh Sethi celebrated his 9th birthday on September 28. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Deepjot goes to the Indian School and likes to collect stamps and coins.



Calvin D'Souza celebrates his birthday on October 4. Happy birthday from parents, friends and family. Calvin enjoys playing with toys.



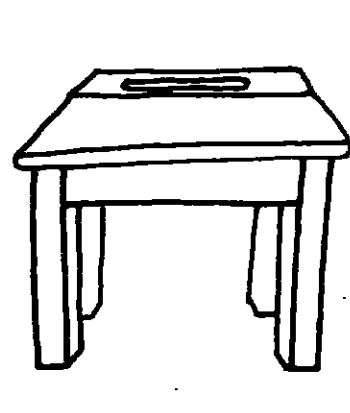
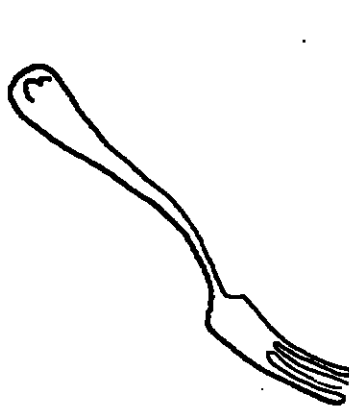
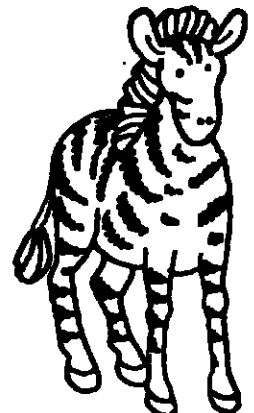
Majid Rabbani celebrated his birthday on October 2. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Majid goes to the International School of Pakistan.



Vinod J. Sebastian celebrated his 8th birthday on October 2. Belated greetings from parents, friends and family. Vinod goes to the Indian School and likes collecting stamps and drawing.

Ending sounds

Look at the picture in the box, say its name. Colour each picture in the row. Circle the pictures that end with the same sound.



VARIETY

Profiles

Lessons

LITTLE. Emma Cole gingerly hoists herself to the top of the climbing frame in the sunny garden, beaming with delight.

She looks like any other nine-year-old having fun—until you look into those unseeing eyes and realise what steely determination lies beneath the perky grin.

Because miracle child Emma was born not only brain-damaged but also completely blind and epileptic. The brave youngster also has to wear a tight spinal jacket to correct her crooked back.

Her proud foster mum Christine looks on and says quietly: "Only we know what it has

cost Emma to come this far. Doctors said she would probably never walk or talk."

But they had reckoned without the courage of Emma, now cheerfully taking on the world.

Christine, 39, said: "Emma has joined the Brownies and already has her artist's badge. She plays rounders and recently won a prize in swimming gala."

"Despite all her problems, she is always so caring to others. Everyone falls in love with her because she is so adorable. She doesn't let anything get her down."

Emma herself said: "I don't think I am

any different from my friends. I am blind but I do not let it worry me."

But the little girl's independence has not been won without a fight by her loyal family in Lancing, Sussex.

Christine explained: "The education authority wanted to send Emma to a residential blind school but I insisted her home life was more important and that I wanted her to be as independent as possible."

"So now she is the only blind girl at Herons Dale school for children with learning difficulties and everyone is amazed at her progress. Her classmates are very protective

of her, too."

Emma is so full of fun that she even mimics her schoolmates. "Let me take Emma to the park," she giggles to herself, pretending to be a friend.

Christine told me: "When Emma was born, doctors first thought the problem was water on the brain. But the day I took her home from hospital, I thought her eyes looked peculiar."

"She couldn't bear sunlight and she couldn't stand much noise. She used to scream a lot. It used to get me down a bit."

"Doctors told me later she was probably

having epileptic fits all the time although I didn't know it."

"When she was five months old, she started having very jerky fits. I took her to hospital for tests and we discovered the extent of her brain damage."

"Emma had epilepsy and the middle of her brain was missing. As if that wasn't enough, there was also an abnormality on the left side of her brain."

"Originally we were told she would be severely mentally retarded. But then neurologists said she might just be able to walk and talk, although no-one could say for

certain. We were devastated."

"When she was a tiny baby, Emma needed constant physiotherapy. Nothing came easily to her and she had to be taught absolutely everything, from kicking her legs to shaking her hands."

Watching Emma happily pushing a toy tractor up and down, or clambering up the climbing frame in her garden at home, it is hard to believe she was even taught to play.

Christine, who gave up her job as nursery nurse and nanny to look after her family, went on: "She had no incentive to play as she couldn't see anything and her reactions were slow. Because of her physical problems, Emma couldn't crawl or walk, so she didn't show any curiosity like normal babies."

"So we had to teach her to touch things and be aware of things. My husband Michael and I used to talk to her all the time, telling her what things are and encouraging her."

"That must have paid off because she shows such an interest in everything."

Christine's three sons 17-year-old Stephen, Andy, 15, Andrew, eight also helped out with Emma, who now says one of her favourite things is "playing games with my brothers".

But despite all the care and attention she received, Christine made sure her little daughter was not spoon-fed. She says: "Some blind children aren't allowed to do anything for themselves, so they don't learn how to cope for themselves. And you can see it in their faces—some of them have such deadpan expressions."

"But Emma gets so much enjoyment out of life because she is so independent and curious. She loves coming with me to the supermarket, for instance. She can identify the different brands of cereal just by shaking the boxes. And she smells jars of jam or fresh food to distinguish between them all. It's amazing."

Emma has to take drugs every day to prevent epileptic fits. But because of her eagerness to learn, she is coming on in leaps and bounds at school.

"She's very good about wearing her constricting spinal jacket and only ever takes it off when we go on holiday," said Christine. "But now she has added problems to cope with. The tubes that come from one kidney are blocked, so she is in danger of infection and has to take antibiotics for that, too."

"And because she has a thyroid condition, we have to watch what she eats."



Emma Cole plays happily in the garden.



Emma with one of her paintings.

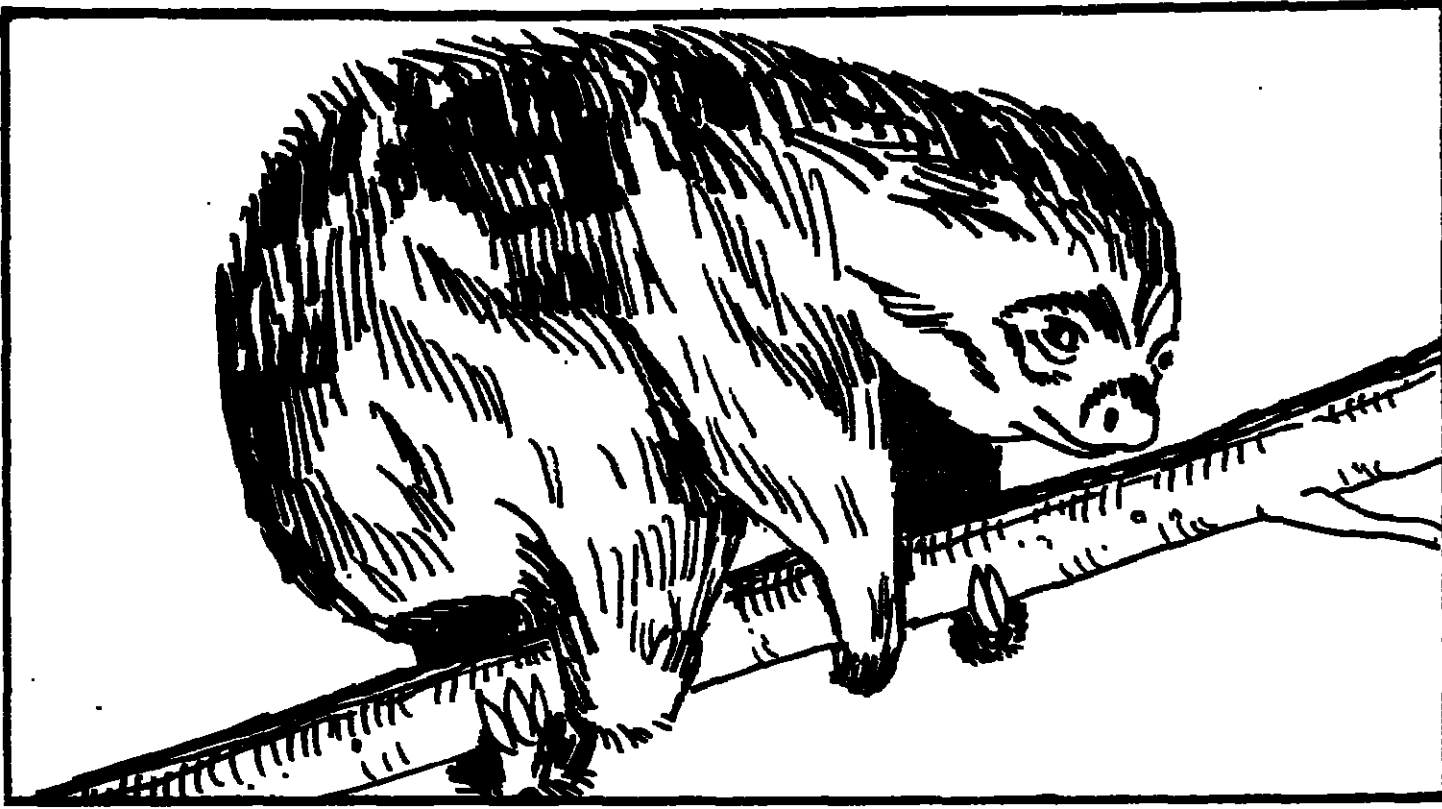
From Emma

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Word search

HAPPINESS IS...

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| BLISS | HAPPY | MERRY |
| BLITHE | HOPE | MIRTH |
| BLITHESOME | HUMOR | PEACE |
| BUOYANT | JOCUND | PERT |
| CHEERING | JOLLY | PLEASED |
| CHEERY | JOVIAL | PROSPEROUS |
| DEXTEROUS | JOY | RAPTUROUS |
| FELICITOUS | JOYOUS | REJOICE |
| FORTUNATE | LIGHT | REJOICING |
| GAY | LOVE | SMILING |
| GLAD | LUCKY | SPRIGHTLY |
| | | SUCCESSFUL |
| | | SUNNY |



The sloth

THE name "sloth" comes from an Old English word meaning slow. The sloth is an extremely slow moving animal who spends 20 hours of every day sleeping. During the remaining 4 hours he moves very slowly or not at all.

The sloth is a native of the forests of Central and South America. He spends most of his time in a tree hanging upside down. The sloth even eats, sleeps, mates, and gives birth upside down.

A sloth can swim, but he is unable to walk. When on the ground, he drags himself on his belly.

Sloths are born with permanent teeth which lack enamel and are hollow in the center. Their teeth grow constantly and are good for grinding leaves.

There are two types of sloths: the two-toed and the three-toed. The term applies to front feet only as all sloths have three toes on

their hind feet. A sloth's arms are longer than his legs.

The two-toed sloth has a dog-like face with small eyes, shaggy hair and no tail. He is quicker and more energetic than the three-toed sloth. A two-toed baby sloth is not independent until nine months after birth and usually stays hidden in his mother's fur for the first four weeks.

The three-toed sloth has a human-looking head which he can swivel 180 degrees like an owl. He has large eyes, short hair and a stubby tail. He is smaller and less active than the two-toed sloth. A three-toed baby sloth is completely independent at birth.

The sloth is a master of camouflage whose greatest defense is that he is often not noticed. He blends into the trees looking like a nest or a mass of dead leaves. When in the moist jungle, a one-celled green algae grows on his fur making him appear green like the leaves in the trees.

So you see

THERE was a little girl called Jane. Who kept saying, she had a pain, she was always kidding to get off school, but her shouts, where all in vain.

You see her mum, had heard this, time and time again, she said, "you listen to me girl" "this is, just, not a game".

One day, she said it just too much, and really did have an ache, she was very sick, no one believed her, she NEVER again cried fake

J. Hodgson.



DICKEN sings Snyder Spider's favorite song.

Draw a ball next to the bat.



Dear Junior Readers,

October is the tenth month of the year, which is in its final chapters. Have you ever sat back to think of all the things you accomplished this year?

After you finish all your homework, take a warm mug of milk and relax. Have a notebook by your side and take your journey month by month through 1989.

Jot down the different lessons you learnt; all the new friends you made; all the harsh arguments you could have avoided.

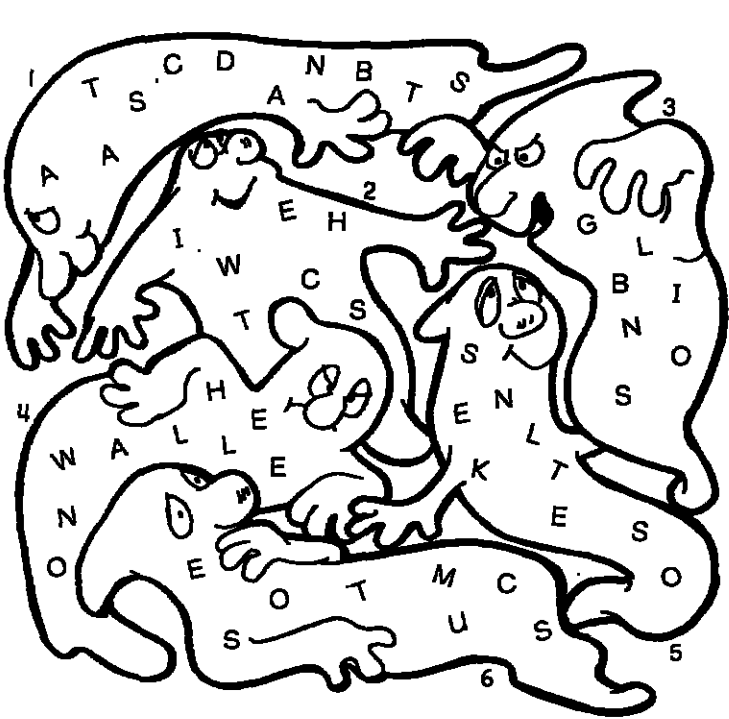
Think about the times you were mean to your brother, sister, friend or mother, think about situations that embarrassed you and how you could have got out of the messy situation. Jot down the times your teachers scolded, whether fairly or unfairly.

I'm sure you'll have a lovely diary of thoughts by the time you're finished.

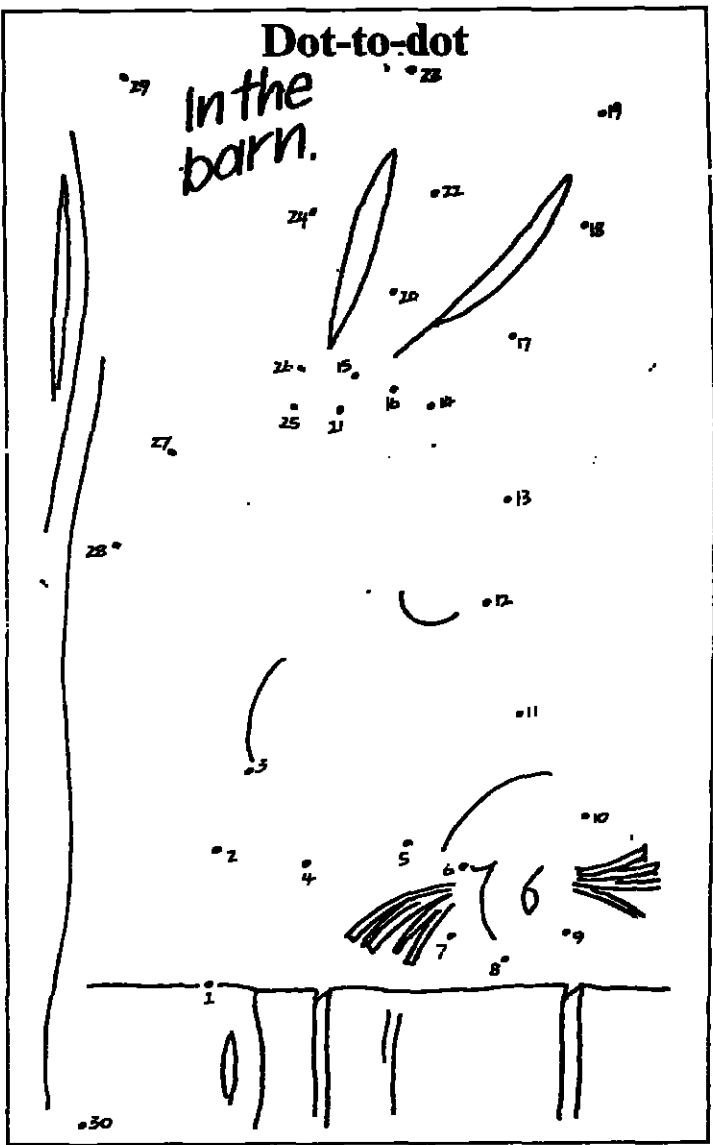
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Scrambled Spooks

Directions: Unscramble the letters in the ghosts and match them to the correct spellings in the word list. Write the number of the ghost in the blank next to the correct spelling.



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| 1) Halloween | 4) skeletons |
| 2) goblins | 5) witches |
| 3) costumes | 6) cats and bats |



First and last

Laslo Biro invented the first ball-point pen that was successful. He was in fact a Hungarian hypnotist and not an inventor. In 1959 when the first throw-away bios were sold in the shops over 53 million were sold in the first year.

Football was first played by the Chinese in about 350BC. It was called 'Ts'u Chu'. It was played in England from the twelfth century but no rules were used until 1846.

Birthday coupon

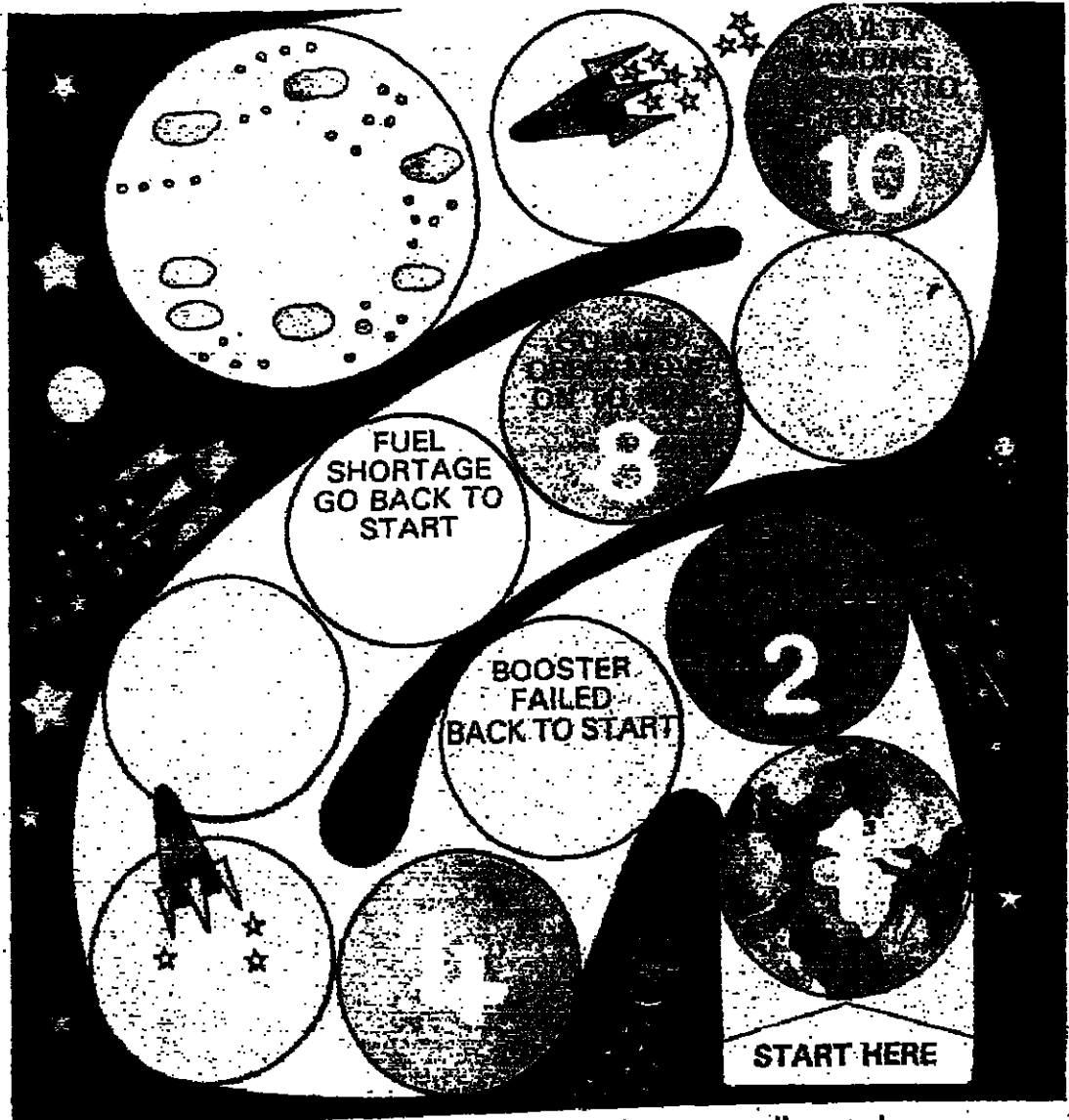
Is your birthday to come soon? Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times? Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that it is your birthday! Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend, brother or sister by putting their picture in for them. The details we need are:

Name: _____
Date of birth: _____
School: _____
Hobbies: _____
Telephone: _____
(confidential)

Your favourite most recent picture (4x6)

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To avoid belated greetings please send within a week before the special date

Into space



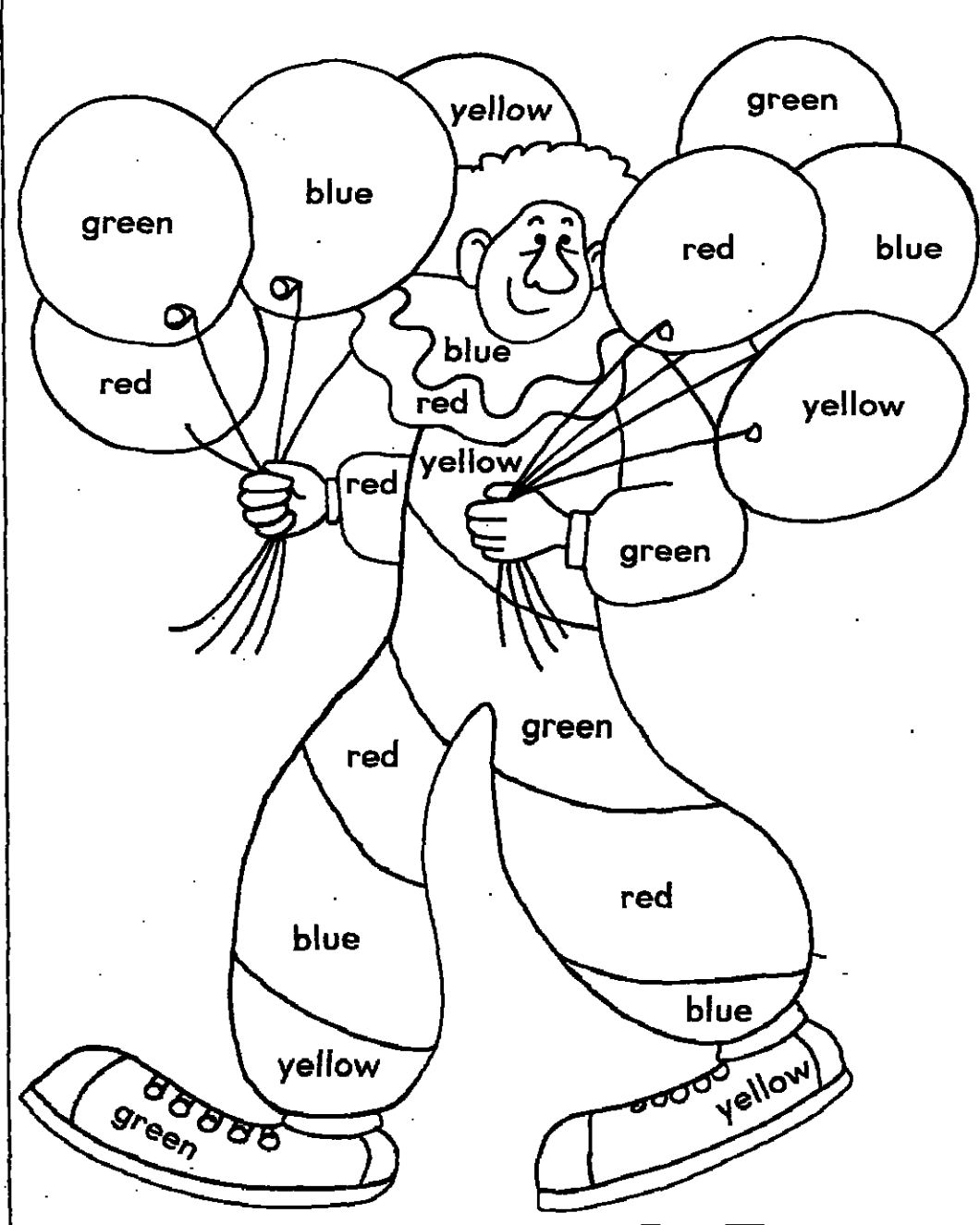
If the players had the following scores on a dice, who would win and on what numbers would the others finish?

First player	1	3	1	2	4	1
Second player	6	3	1	1	3	2
Third player	4	3	5	3	2	1

Now play yourself

Colouring time

Read the words red, yellow, blue, green.



EVENTS

CINEMA

Al Andalus
Nuts
Salmiya
Hall booked
Al Hamra
Black fire
Drive-In
Arabic film
Al Firdous
Hathayar
Fahsheel Open
Jeene Ki Aarzoo
Fahsheel
Arabic film
Al Jahra
Omi Rajkumar
Granada
Arabic film
Salaibkhat
Nightwars
Jeeb
Zamana
Ahmadi Drive-In
Arabic film

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Motawa Pharmacy
Al Hilali Street
Dubai Pharmacy
Wajif Souq
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Joudar Pharmacy
Tunis Street
Salmiya and Rumalithiya
Sahari Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak Street
Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Al Wafa Pharmacy
Al Daboos Street
Fawwariya
Al Yasmien Pharmacy
Main Street
Jahra
Al Khaled Pharmacy
Jahra



Children's party

The Kuwait International Hotel recently hosted a children's party for the Japanese School in Kuwait. A huge Kiddie Castle, Disneyland characters, a tour of the hotel and a painting competition entertained the children's afternoon. Seen in the picture are Mari Yamazaki and Akira Hatano (right) having a good time with Kermit the Frog!

TELEVISION PROGRAMME

KTV 1

MORNING PERIOD
9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran
9.40 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
10.00 Around the World: Cartoon serial
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite
10.30 Shay Ismoh Hob: Arabic serial (Part 4)
11.30 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
11.40 Taleel: Bedouin serial (Part 1)
12.30 News Summary
12.35 Sabah Al Khair News
12.37 Holy Quran and Closesdown
EVENING PERIOD
4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
4.15 The World Today via Satellite
4.45 Al Forsan Al Thalathia: Cartoon serial (Part 4)
5.15 Fi Khidmat Al Jomhoor: Local programme, prepared by Salem Mohammed and presented by Rashed Al Owaish
5.45 Night Chemists: Airlines and Official advertisements
6.00 Al Tareeq Ila Al Qods: Historical serial (Part 1)
7.15 Nijm Al Reyadha: Sports programme, prepared and presented by KTV Sports Programme Department
7.55 Made In Kuwait: Information program

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8.30 Good Evening and Local News
9.00 Arabic News
9.45 Aylan Ya Jado Al Asiz: Arabic serial (Part 4)
10.35 Al Fanan Wa Ray Al Akhreen: Variety late Night Show, presented by Dawlat Shawqi
11.45 News Summary
11.50 The World Today via Satellite
12.15 Holy Quran and Closesdown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening announcement & Holy Quran
6.10 Diploos: A cartoon series for children
6.30 Professor Lobster Stone
7.00 The Franchise Affair: Two ladies kidnap a girl who manages to run away and notify the police about her kidnapping
7.30 Fishing The West: A look at fishing salmon on the lake of Michigan
8.00 News in English
8.30 Morning Star Evening Star: "The Fire Child"
9.30 Discover: Growth of turtles
10.00 A Different World
10.30 Murphy's - Law "Where Are My Socks?"
11.30 News in Brief
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite

WHAT'S ON

SOCIAL

Colva Nite
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salem Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tele. 2413884/2434776/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

German Speakers Cultural Association
AFTER the summer holidays, the regular coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will start again on Sunday, Oct 1, at 10 am, at the Kuwait International Hotel, Old Fajlala Room. Newcomers are particularly welcome.

Breeze 89
Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

Vienna Boys Choir
The Vienna Boys Choir will

be performing again at the Kuwait International Hotel on October 4 with a new repertoire. Tickets are available at the reception. KD8,000 for adults and KD5,000 for children under 12 years. Tel: 2530000/2533000.

Moods & Melody
"Moods & Melody" performs "Geet Maala" — a presentation of pop songs from Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films — on 12th October 1989 at Indian Arts Weekend.

The fifth season of the local English-language programme, Weekend, starts this Friday on KTV2 at 9.30 pm. Prepared by Adeb Shuaiber and directed by Adel Al Najjar, it will feature local news and views of interest to English-speakers. One item of interest could be a spot feature on the renovation of the old souks, recently initiated by the government here.

Bengali Cultural Society
Bengali Cultural Society celebrates Bijoya on 12th October. For details contact 4315561, 5613014, 5617036.

Moulana Sayeede
AN eminent Moulana Delwar Hussain Sayeede of Bangladesh who was expected to

arrive in Kuwait on 3rd Oct, to deliver religious speech here on Islam, has been postponed due to Sayeede and his son's sudden illness. We regret for the inconveniences.

Kuwait Little Theatre — Ahmadi
Auditions for the annual pantomime will take place in the theatre foyer on Oct 8 and 9 at 7.30 pm. Anyone interested in taking part in this production, either on stage or backstage, please come along. All newcomers welcome.

Sheba Sound
SHEBA Sound, a classical quartet of oboes, bassoon and harpsichord, will perform at the Mousetrap Theatre on Oct 14, at 8.00 pm — price KD4; and at Messilah Beach Hotel on Oct 15, where the performance will include a sit-down dinner for KD9, inclusive.

Please ring 5382099 for reservation and look out for posters in Tanagra boutiques who are sponsoring the visit.

Kalpak's drama competition
KERALA Arts and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) is organising a drama competition at Indian Arts Circle on 8th and 9th of February 1990.

One act plays of 40 minutes duration will be considered for the competition. Prizes will be awarded for best drama, best script (only for amateur creations from Kuwait) best direction, stage setting, best actor (Prem Nazir Award) best actress & best child artist, from the selected entries.

Interested parties may send their applications along with a copy of the script to Mr Varghese Paradayil, POB 47, 13001 Safat, Kuwait, no later than 31st Oct 1989.

For more details pls contact Varghese (Tel: 5635481), Kurien (Tel: 5658072) or Balakrishnan (Tel: 4316737).

Canadian Women's League
THE first meeting of the season will be held on Saturday, Oct 7, 4 to 7 pm. Maps available from the Canadian embassy, or contact Tel: 3718678. New members welcome.

ACT
ACT welcomes all people who would like to be involved in this season's theatrical activities to a general meeting on Oct 4th from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. The upcoming season will be discussed and committees will be formed. It will be a chance to see old friends and to make new ones. For more details, call

562-0332 from 6 - 10 pm.

SPORTS

Kuwait International
Fit for Life: September brings a variety of sports classes and activities at the Kuwait International Hotel. Tennis coaching from October. Classes for ladies, juniors and seniors by Frank Novak — an experienced Canadian coach and tennis player. Enrollment on-going. Also fun tennis sessions for the family. Other classes are: Ladies' Keep Fit Classes, Men's Keep Fit Classes, Yoga, Judo, Karate and Taekwondo. For details contact: Paul or Vivienne at 2530000 or 2533000.

Windsurfing classic
Messilah Beach Hotel is organising a windsurfing classic on Oct 6, 1989. Open to all men and women sailors in Kuwait. Closing date for entries is 1.10.89. For more details contact Ken Balmann on 5624111 ext. 739/751.

Aerobics
Aerobics with Chris Hill at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Mixed classes on Sundays and Tuesdays; 6.30 - 7.30 pm. Enquiries: 5624111 ext 751.

Celebrations

Wedding of the week

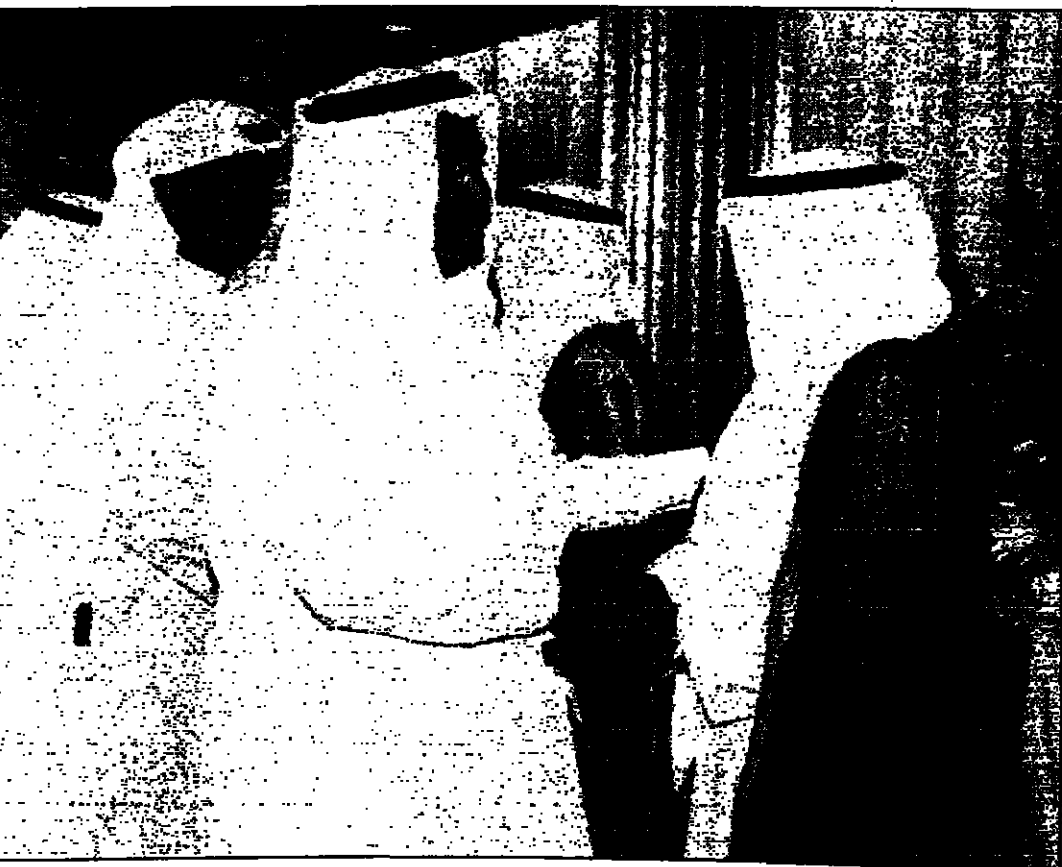


Top: the groom, his family and the Minister of Social Affairs.



The happy groom

FAWZI MANSOUR
Abdullah Al Mansour held a wedding reception at the Sheraton Hotel. Many guests including the ministers of Public Works, the minister of Social Affairs, and deputy managing editor of Al Seyassah, the managing editor of Arab Times and other important Kuwaiti personalities attended. Congratulations to the groom.



Suleiman Al Jarallah (deputy managing editor of Al Seyassah) and Misha Al Jarallah (managing editor of the Arab Times) congratulate the groom.



Cake of the week at the Eedam Gourmet Shop

From the 1st to 15th October visit the SAS Kuwait Hotel's Eedam Gourmet Shop where the cake of the week is called "Solothurn Torte." This is a combination of almond sponge, japonaise + praline butter cream covered with roasted almonds, decorated with cocoa powder and icing sugar...A traditional cake from the city of Solothurn in Switzerland.

Catch them young

THE younger they are, the faster they learn — says Jayashree Viswanath who runs a Bharatanatyam Dance School in Abbasiya. Jayashree has undergone more than 15 years of vigorous training in the classical art of Bharatanatyam with famous exponents such as Vazhoor Ramayya Pillai and Guru Sambamoorthy.

For nearly a decade now, she has been training young children in Indian Classical dances under "NRITHA SANTHI" banner. On Friday the 13th of October 1989, "Nritha Santhi" will be presenting between 6.30 to 9.30 pm an evening of classical, semi-classical and folk dances at the IAC auditorium in Funaitees. Select numbers will be rendered by children of all ages.

Jayashree feels that any form of dancing improves one's perspective, physique and agility. Classical art forms such as Bharatanatyam calls for well balanced and systematic body and facial movements that will improve all round personality. Such public performances at a tender age will foster the growth of talents and instill a feeling of confidence in the young minds.

The programme on 13th October is being sponsored by the Gulf Flower Supermarket and Gulf Peoples Stores in Abbasiya. Organisers inform that admission will be free of charge. Entry passes can be obtained from the above two stores, from IAC office, from Kuwait India International Exchange Company in Murgah or directly from the organisers by contacting phone number 4330083.

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.23 am
Zuhr	11.37
Asr	3.00 pm
Maghreb	5.31
Isha	6.49

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Al Muthanna Complex back-to-school draw



THE draw of Al Muthanna Complex' back-to-school contest was held on Tuesday, Sept 28.

44,000 coupons won under the supervision of the Ministry of Trade and Interior representatives.

The winners, their coupon numbers and their prizes are: Aulfat A. Sulaiman, 35191, Computer-Acer; Faten A. Farsa, 21391, Computer Course (Basic); Najat Salmeen, 14708, KD100 (Saving Account); Kareem Wafa, 15963, KD100 (Saving Account); Suha E. Abdulrahman, 19878, KD100 (Saving Account); Jasem M. Fayed, 28457, KD100 (Saving Account); Farouq Rana, 41626, KD100 (Saving Account); Mahmoud M. Saleh, 13780, Computer Course (Basic); Haronion Torosian,

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SPORTS

Mansell to appeal fine on Thursday

Senna revives flag furore

JEREZ, Spain, Oct. 2. (Reuters): Ayrton Senna believes his hopes of retaining the World Drivers' Championship could depend upon the professionalism of his slower rivals in obeying the flag-waving signals of the Grand Prix track marshalls.

The Brazilian McLaren driver expressed his feelings last night after winning the Spanish Grand Prix and so keeping alive his hopes of overhauling his teammate Alain Prost to win the drivers' title.

Senna, in a critical mood, said: "Most of the back-markers were very good today, but some of them in particular were not and I do not think they should have been so unprofessional."

"I am thinking particularly of the situations when I had to spend two laps behind (Phillipe) Alliot and then two more behind (Andrea) de Cesaris."

"They ignored the yellow flags and this is not acceptable when we are racing for the championship. It's not right not to obey the flags."

"I do not think it is professional to interfere with the outcome of the race result as they nearly did today. That is wrong. It is very serious."

Senna's remarks, coming only two days after he had been fined for failing to heed a series of eight black warning flags and one red one, are sure to reopen the controversy over the entire thorny issue of flag signals.

But with only two races left and two outright victories required to maintain his hopes, the Brazilian cannot be criticised



Senna sprays the crowd with champagne after winning the race. (Reuters wirephoto).

for failing to take every reasonable precaution against an unfortunate end to his title bid.

Senna needs to win in Japan

later this month and in Australia on November 5 if he is to claim his second world championship and stop Prost, to

whom he has not spoken for six months, from claiming his third en route to Ferrari next season.

But in view of the relative minor punishment Senna received for ignoring the black flags last Friday compared to the severity of that given to Briton Nigel Mansell in Estoril last Sunday, it is sure to provoke renewed debate.

Mansell, backed by his Ferrari team, will appeal in Paris on Thursday against his punishment — a \$50,000 fine as well as one-race ban which ruled him out of the Jerez race.

He could receive unexpectedly sympathetic treatment from Fisa's international court of appeal as several drivers, most notably Alain Prost, have stressed how difficult it is to see anything on the start-finish straight at Estoril during a race.

Prost told Reuters: "I can quite understand that Nigel did not see the flags waved at Estoril and that is why I have spoken to Fisa to try and change the system."

The Frenchman, who is 16 points ahead of Senna in the title race with two races to go, said he had devised a system which could help to solve such problems in the future.

"I have proposed we have a moveable bridge which can lift the flag-marshall over the track for such incidents when required. It would be easily seen and could be pulled out of the way for the start."

"Then when a driver sees someone on it with a flag he will see it and take notice. He will

look at it."

Referring to the Mansell incident in Estoril, he said: "For me, I cannot believe a driver could see a black flag and then still go on and fight with another car."

Mansell, absent in Spain, will almost certainly return as a key figure for the last two races regardless of the outcome of his appeal.

Standings

World Drivers' Championship standings (after 14 rounds, with two rounds left)

1. Alain Prost (France) 76 points
2. Ayrton Senna (Brazil) 60
3. Nigel Mansell (Britain) 38
4. Riccardo Patrese (Italy) 30
5. Thierry Boutsen (Belgium) 24
6. Gerhard Berger (Austria) 21
7. Alessandro Nannini (Italy) 17
8. Nelson Piquet (Brazil) 9
9. Jean Alesi (France) 8
10. Equal Michele Alboreto (Italy)
11. Eddie Cheever (US)
12. Derek Warwick (Britain)
13. Stefan Johansson (Sweden) 6
14. Johnny Herbert (Britain) 5
15. Equal Mauricio Gugelmin (Brazil)
16. Stefano Modena (Italy)
17. Andrea de Cesaris (Italy)
18. Alex Caffi (Italy)
19. Pierluigi Martini (Italy) 3
20. Christian Danner (West Germany) 3
21. Equal Rene Arnoux (France)
22. Martin Brundle (Britain)
23. Jonathan Palmer (Britain) 2
24. Equal Philippe Alliot (France)
25. Gabriele Tarquini (Italy)
26. Olivier Grouillard (France)
27. Luis Perez Sala (Spain) 1



The Camel Lotus number 12 of Japanese driver S. Nakajima is hoisted off the track after it crashed against the fence in the Spanish Grand Prix. Nakajima escaped injury. (Reuters wirephoto).

Shahanga sets course record

WEST BERLIN, Oct. 2. (Reuters): Tanzanian Alfred Shahanga won the annual West Berlin marathon yesterday in a course-record time of two hours 10 minutes 11 seconds.

Ethiopian Dereje Nedi finished second of the 16,410 starters in 2:11:15, with Spyros Andriopoulos of Greece third in 2:12:59.

Pavi Tikkanen of Finland, running the full marathon distance for the first time, also set a course record in the women's event, which she won in 2:28:45.

Up until the halfway mark it looked as though Shahanga had a chance of breaking Ethiopian Belayneh Densimo's world best marathon time of 2:06:50.

The main sponsors had put up 10,000 marks (\$3,300) as a bonus for the world best.

But after 32 kilometres Nedi lost touch with the Tanzanian, who had no chance of winning the money without a close pursuer.

Wakiihuri wins world's largest cross country

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Oct. 2. (AP): Douglas Wakiihuri of Kenya, the world's premier marathoner, proved he can run as well on grass and mud, cruising to easy victory in the 25th edition of the world's largest cross country festival yesterday.

Wakiihuri, the 1987 world marathon champ in Rome and a silver medalist in the Seoul Olympics last year, took the lead with 10 kilometres (6.2 miles) left and held on to win the 30K Lidingoloppet by two minutes.

More than 25,000 runners, competing in 25 different classes, entered the meet in cool, crisp fall weather on Lidingo island outside Stockholm.

Wakiihuri clocked 1:36:10 on the hilly course, bettering by 28 seconds the course records set by former University of Texas-EI Paso standout Suleiman Nyambui of Tanzania in 1986.

Hakan Borjesson finished second in 1:38:10 and fellow Swede Mats Erixon third, a further 39 seconds behind.

Angela Tooby of Britain surged ahead with four kilometres to go and won the women's 15K in 54:49, well off Norwegian Grete Waitz' course record of 51:03. Malin Westlund of Sweden was second in 55:14 with Norwegians Christin Sorrum third in 56:09 and Grete Kirkeberg fourth in 56:54.

Annette Sergent of France, who captured the women's title in the World Cross Country Championships last March at Stavanger, Norway, only managed seventh in 57:35.

Record attempt

BONNEVILLE, Utah, Oct. 2. (UPI): Californian Al Teague pushed his streamlined racer to 392.970 mph (531.04 kph) yesterday in his bid to break the 24-year-old world land speed record of 409.677 mph (659.311) for piston-engine cars.

Teague is one of the three men hoping to eclipse the old mark before the 1989 world of speed competition ends today at the Bonneville Salt Flats, on the Great Salt Lake Desert 100 miles west of Salt Lake City.

Italy overcome Sweden for title

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 2. (UPI): Italy overcame host nation Sweden 3-1 in the final of the European Volleyball Championships yesterday to become the first country outside the East bloc to clinch the title.

Italy had a solid defence and varied the attacks to confuse the Swedes and win its first major tournament title ever 14-16, 15-7, 15-13, 15-7.

Italy's Andrea Zorzi hammered in the matchpoint after 1 hour 50 minutes to quiet down the partisan capacity crowd of 14,263 and

emphasize his dominance on court.

Earlier yesterday the Netherlands, clobbered the Soviet Union 15-11, 15-8, 15-7 in the match for places 3-4, shutting out Soviet Union from the medals for the first time since 1955.

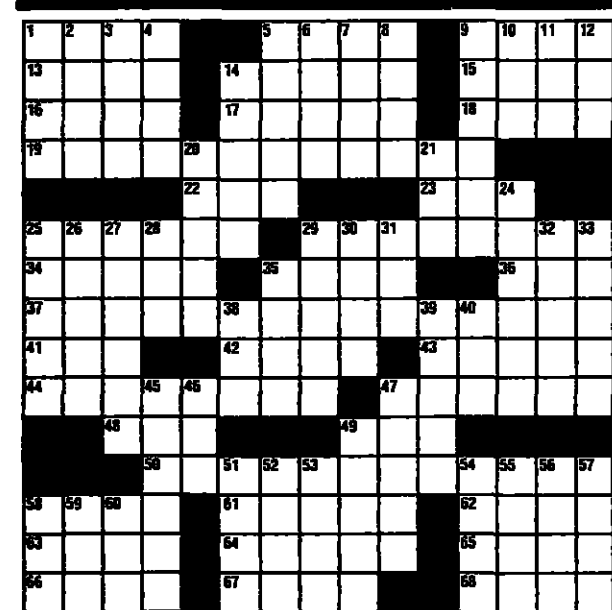
Soviet Union, which was upset in the semi-finals by Sweden, had won every European tournament since 1963 and has only missed the winner's rostrum in the major tournaments twice — in the 1955 European meet and in the 1970 world championships.

Italy had a bronze medal from 1948 as its previous best performance in the European championships, while Sweden captured its first volleyball medal ever.

"We studied how Sweden played against the Soviet Union and they had the same tactics against us," Italy's coach Julio Velasco said.

Italy straight-settled Sweden in the qualifying series earlier this week and its only loss in the week-long event came against France in a qualifying match of statistical interest only.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Roman statesman
 - 5 School dance
 - 9 Duplicate
 - 13 Jack-in-the-pulpit, for one
 - 14 School assignment
 - 15 Take on
 - 16 Knights
 - 17 Laughing
 - 18 Pub drinks
 - 19 "Your Cheatin' Heart" composer
 - 22 Cable channel, for short
 - 23 One — time
 - 25 Actress Caron
 - 29 Decorative designs
 - 34 Violinist Mischa
 - 35 Equitable
 - 36 Edible mushroom
 - 37 "Stardust" composer
 - 41 Shower mo.
 - 42 Poetic forms
 - 43 Gabbler or Hopper
 - 44 Held back
 - 47 Least possible
 - 48 Fr. holy woman
 - 49 Boxing great
 - 50 "Moon River" composer
 - 58 Ship's officer
 - 61 Lets up
 - 62 Adjunct to a park
 - 63 Ready for business
 - 64 River of SE Ontario
 - 65 Mother of Elizabeth I
 - 66 Cobs' maies
 - 67 Variety of
- DOWN**
- 1 "Folsom Prison Blues" composer
 - 2 Tune for Pavarotti
 - 3 Word with on, off or out
 - 4 Soviet city on the Or
 - 5 Fictional sleuth
 - 6 Authentic
 - 7 Atlanta arena
 - 8 "I — man with seven wives"
 - 9 Pure
 - 10 Olive product
 - 11 Before: Prefix
 - 12 Positive word
 - 14 Erie or Huron
 - 20 Quenolous
 - 21 Welcoming item
 - 24 Gallery
 - 25 "The Merry Widow" composer
 - 26 Run away to marry
 - 27 Savvy
 - 28 Fall behind
 - 29 Removed the rind
 - 30 Goals
 - 31 Pod or corn lead-in
 - 32 Requires
 - 33 Sound Humpty Dumpty made
 - 35 Lose color
 - 36 Cape —
 - 39 Fetter
 - 40 Part of HRH
 - 45 "The eye of Greece," to Milton
 - 46 Female ruff
 - 47 Kind of furnace
 - 49 Rectify
 - 51 Retains after expenses
 - 52 — avis
 - 53 River to the North Sea
 - 54 Feline, in France
 - 55 Hebrides island
 - 56 Mother's admonition
 - 57 Roman deity
 - 58 Unruly head of hair
 - 59 Gibraltar denizen
 - 60 Retton's score

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

COUNT YOUR TRICKS

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
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 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ 7 4 3
 ♣ J 4 2

WEST
 ♠ K 8
 ♥ 8 3 2
 ♦ Q 10 8 6 5
 ♣ K 8 6

EAST
 ♠ 9 7 6 4
 ♥ Q J 10 9 7
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ Q 10

SOUTH
 ♠ Q 5
 ♥ A K 4
 ♦ A K 2
 ♣ A 9 7 5 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass
 Pass Pass

Opening lead: Six of ♦
 We're about to give you some advice which will fatten your wallet if you're a rubber bridge player, but might wreak havoc with your duplicate game: Take care of your contract and let the overtricks take care of themselves.

North's five-card suit and honor in partner's club suit was just enough to warrant raising to game. Note that the jump to two no

trump, since it gives an exact count of the South hand, is not a game force. It can be passed should North have responded originally on a slightly sub-standard hand.

West led a diamond, and declarer won the first trick since she did not want a heart shift. She led the queen of spades, and West covered with the king. How would you continue at rubber bridge? Would you play differently at duplicate?

With five fast tricks outside the spade suit, you need four tricks from that suit to make your contract. At rubber bridge the play is easy—allow the king of spades to hold the trick. That will guarantee your contract whenever spades break either 3-3 or 4-2, or about 84 percent of the time.

But what about at duplicate, where overtricks are so vital? It is still the right play! Why? Because a 3-3 spade split has less than a 36 percent probability, and if spades break 4-2 the contract will go down if you capture the first spade trick. Note also that a four-spade contract is no bargain after a diamond lead. Declarer will probably have to find an even spade split with the king outside to get home.



"Whaddyer mean, I burnt the oatmeal?"
 ... that's coffee!"

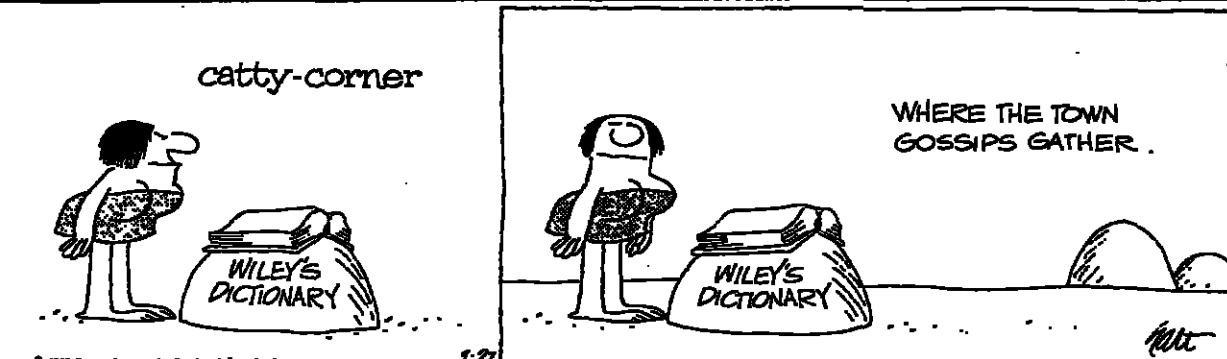
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
 You should try to be a little more frugal but do not try to save by skipping on real essentials or by being mean to others. Seek to be more aware of what is happening around you. Do not ask for more than you deserve. Be sensible.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
 If you expect results overnight you will be sorely disappointed. There will be some conflict with your partner but with goodwill on the part of both of you it can be resolved. Take somewhat better care of your health. Be courteous.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**
 Even if you are not short of space you soon will be if you do not discard what you no longer need. And make sure you return every thing to its place too. Try to avoid losing or gaining weight. Be attentive.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
 Do not forget to lock doors and windows when you go out. A tendency towards daydreaming must not be indulged. Ensure your diet is sufficiently varied. Be cautious.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
 An effort will have to be made to overcome a feeling of lethargy. You should not allow some small annoyance to become a major bone of contention. Make sure your diet is not deficient in vitamins. Be fair.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
 You should make sure you get enough rest, but does not mean being lazy. An offer or proposal should be considered most carefully. Be sure of not doing anything that would annoy others. Be responsive.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**
 You should not expect to have everything your own way and you ought to be prepared to make a few concessions. You will have to make a special effort to counter an inclination towards distraction. Do not give up your independence. Be moderate.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**
 Try to avoid having a large meal late night. Whilst there is no room for frivolity nor is there for gloom. Do not expect others to behave just as you would wish them to. Be realistic.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
 You will tend to misty things and should try to be a little more tidy. If you try to force the pace you will only succeed in doing things badly. Do not believe all you hear. Be discriminating.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
 You will have to try to be a little more regular as well as tidy. Seek to ensure that you do not strain your eyes. Something that happens will cheer you up considerably. Be tolerant.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
 You will have to do something to maintain or regain the initiative. There is everything to be said for being just a little more patient. You will find the reason why something has been going wrong and will know how to remedy it. Be sensible.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
 You will find it easier to deal with the problem that will not disappear overnight. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 26. Something that you had thought would be easy will not be. However, by persevering you will succeed in dealing with the difficulties. Be reliable.

SPORTS

Evergreen struggle to pip Hawks

EVERGREEN cricketers overcame Hawks cricketers by 10 runs in the inaugural match of the K.O.C. New Ground, Almad.

After winning the toss, Evergreen skipper Asad Baig opted to bat and brothers Ishfaq and Shahbaz opened the innings. Both put on 79 runs in 13 overs when Shahbaz was bowled for 27 runs by Mukesh.

Ten runs later Ishfaq, who had been playing with great authority, was removed by Janttil after scoring 60 runs, including eight boundaries. Waqar had to retire after scoring 12 runs while Amjad Malik slammed 42 quick runs, including a mighty six, before holing-out to Ramesh off Asghar.

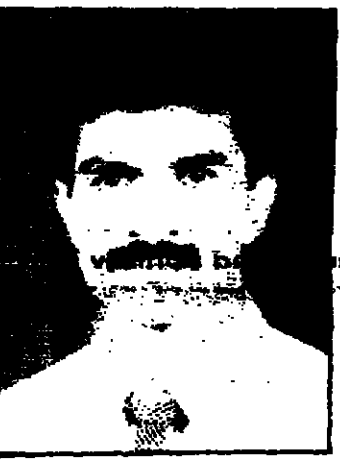
Evergreen reached a respectable total of 150 and lost four wickets in the allotted 21 overs.

Needing nearly seven runs per over, Hawks suffered the setback of losing skipper Amjad off the first ball of the innings when he was leg before to Bassam.

Asad Baig made very fruitful change by bringing in leg spinner Jamil, who accounted for Aslam (23) and Ramesh while on other end Asad himself tempted Mukesh to go for a big hit. Asad had Mukesh caught by Arshad Pindival who had to run a couple of yards backwads to mid-wicket fence.

Qaiser and Janttil tried to repair the damage but the former was run-out after scoring a patient 40. Janttil, after having hit a six and four fours in his 52, was also victim to the Pindival's & Asad pair. Asad claimed his third scalp by removing Asghar while Ishfaq disposed off Mehmoed.

When the 21 overs were completed, Hawks had reached 140 runs and lost eight wickets. For Evergreen skipper Asad Baig returned the best figures of three for 35 while Jamil got two wickets with one each going to Bassam and Ishfaq.



Ishfaq 60 runs

Daniel wins 4th tourney of season

SAN JOSE, Calif., Oct. 2. (Reuters): Beth Daniel won her fourth title of the season with a one-stroke victory over Pat Bradley in the \$325,000 San Jose Classic golf tournament yesterday.

Bradley started the day three strokes behind Daniel but started out strong with birdies on her first two holes to move within a stroke. From that point on, Daniel and Bradley were never more than a stroke apart.

Both players birdied the seventh hole. Daniel bogied the 11th to put the two in a tie for the lead at 12-under par, but Bradley bogied the 12th hole to drop a shot behind.

Daniel faltered with a bogey on the 16th to let Bradley draw even, but another Bradley bogey on the 17th put her a stroke behind going into the final hole.

Both players parred the final hole to give Daniel her fourth title in six weeks.

Colts shoot down Jets

Wind lifts Indians over Broncos

NEW YORK, Oct. 2. (AP): With the wind at his back, Matt Bahr kicked a 48-yard field goal that barely cleared the crossbar on the final play of the game, and Cleveland ended its 15-year losing streak to Denver with a 16-13 victory.

Bahr had the wind with him because the two teams were asked to change ends of the field early in the fourth quarter of yesterday's game.

The refs made the switch after the Broncos, pinned at their own 4, were pelted with dog biscuits and other junk from the "Dawg Pound," a portion of the Cleveland Bleachers so named for the fans' love of their dawg defense.

Bahr said the field goal cleared the crossbar by "one or two coats of paint."

Denver coach Dan Reeves said he thought the two sides were only going to play one play with the switched goals.

"I had no idea Cleveland would have the wind at their back for the entire second half," Reeves said.

In the rest of the NFL yesterday, it was: Los Angeles Rams 13, San Francisco 12; New York Giants 30, Dallas 13; Indianapolis 17, New York Jets 10; Houston 39, Miami 7; Washington 16, New Orleans 14; Minnesota 17, Tampa Bay 3; Buffalo 31, New England 10; Green Bay 23, Atlanta 21; Cincinnati 21, Kansas City 17; Pittsburgh 23, Detroit 3; Seattle 24, Los Angeles Raiders 20, and San Diego 24, Phoenix 13.

Philadelphia were to play the Bears at Chicago this evening.

Rams 13, 49ers 12.

Mike Lansford kicked a 26-yard field goal with two seconds to play and the Los Angeles Rams fouled another San Francisco fourth-quarter comeback. The Rams remained unbeaten at 4-0, while San Francisco lost its first game.

Giants 30, Cowboys 13.

New York's Phil Simms overcame three interceptions with two touchdown passes, and the Giants have won their first four



Dolphins' Sammie Smith (No.33) fumbles the ball as he is tackled by Oilers' Al Smith. (Reuters wirephoto)

games for their best start in 21 years. The winless Cowboys, meanwhile, plunged to their worst start since 1963.

The Cowboys also lost rookie quarterback Troy Aikman to a fractured left index finger on an 8-yard scramble in the first quarter. The Cowboys' other million-dollar rookie, Steve Walsh, finished for Dallas.

Colts 17, Jets 10.

Clarence Verdin returned a punt 49 yards for the winning touchdown as the Indianapolis Colts (2-2) overcame a 10-point New York lead. New York is 1-3.

Oilers 38, Dolphins 7.

Warren Moon completed 19 of

23 passes for 254 yards and two touchdowns, while Houston's defense held Miami quarterback Dan Marino to a career-low 103 passing yards as a starter. Moon's passing helped set up four of the Oilers' scores, including field goals of 32, 40 and 32 yards by Tony Zendejas.

Redskins 16, Saints 14.

Chip Lohmiller kicked three field goals and Gerald Riggs scored a touchdown on a 9-yard run as Washington (2-2) beat New Orleans (1-3). Morten Andersen the most accurate kicker in NFL history, missed two field goals for New Orleans, including a 36-yarder with 2:34

to play. He also missed a 52-yarder.

Vikings 17, Buccaneers 3.

Tommy Kramer replaced the injured Wade Wilson and threw two touchdown passes, while Minnesota's defense held Buc QB Vinny Testaverde to 82 passing yards. Leo Lewis caught a 28-yard TD pass and returned a punt 65 yards to set up a field goal for the Vikings.

Bills 31, Patriots 10.

Thurman Thomas scored two touchdowns and had 204 yards in total offense for Buffalo. Jim Kelly threw for three touchdowns as the Bills (3-1) took a 24-3 halftime lead. Thomas scored on

a 4-yard touchdown run and on a 74-yard touchdown pass. He had 105 yards rushing and 99 in receptions.

Packers 23, Falcons 21.

Rookie Chris Jacke kicked a 22-yard field goal with 1:42 left, capping a 17-point fourth-quarter for Green Bay. Green Bay (2-2) has trailed in all four of its games before rallying. The Falcons (1-3) led 14-6 at the half and 21-6 after three quarters.

Linebacker Leon White ran 22 yards untouched and almost unnoticed on a fourth-quarter fumble return, boosting Cincinnati 3-1 over the astonished

chiefs.

Steelers 23, Lions 3.

Bobby Brister completed a team-record 15 straight passes, and the Pittsburgh defense spoiled Rodney Peete's NFL debut as Detroit quarterback.

Brister hit 21 of 27 for 267 yards, including a 48-yard touchdown to Louis Lipps.

Seahawks 24, Raiders 20.

Dave Krieg threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to Brian Blades with 9:58 to play, putting Seattle ahead to stay. Krieg, who completed 22 of 31 passes for 227 yards without an interception, had two touchdown passes, and Blades had seven receptions for 113 yards.

Chargers 24, Cardinals 13.

Rookie Marion Butts put San Diego ahead with a 2-yard touchdown run with 13:53 to play, and linebacker Billy Ray Smith returned a fumble 15 yards for another score one minute later as the Chargers rallied over error-prone Phoenix.

Standings

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	3	1	0	.750	119	103
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	71	80
Miami	1	3	0	.250	88	116
New England	1	3	0	.250	50	103
N.Y. Jets	1	3	0	.250	98	115
Cincinnati	3	1	0	.750	97	58
Cleveland	3	1	0	.750	114	58
Houston	2	2	0	.500	121	114
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	60	109

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	4	0	0	1.000	116	58
Philadelphia	2	0	0	.667	101	82
Phoenix	2	0	0	.500	70	96
Washington	2	0	0	.500	107	90
Dallas	0	4	0	.000	41	115
Chicago	3	0	0	1.000	102	48
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	117	119
Minnesota	2	1	0	.667	76	75
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	62	68
Detroit	0	4	0	.000	57	110
L.A. Raiders	4	0	0	1.000	116	88
San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	100	81
Atlanta	1	3	0	.250	78	88
New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	86	72

Puckett finishes on top

NEW YORK, Oct. 2. (AP): Kirby Puckett had two doubles in five at-bats yesterday to win the American League batting title with a .339 average, but his Minnesota Twins closed out the season with a 3-1 loss to the Seattle Mariners.

Puckett entered the Seattle game batting .338, just .0005 ahead of Oakland's Carney Lansford, who was hitless in three at-bats yesterday, dropping his average to .336.

Puckett finished with 215 hits, tops in the Major Leagues. He became the first right-handed hitter ever to lead the Majors in hits in consecutive seasons and the first to lead the AL in hitting since Lansford, then with Boston, won during the strike-interrupted 1981 season. Alex Johnson of California, in 1970, was the last previous right-handed batter to win the AL batting crown in a non-strike season.

Puckett snapped Wade Boggs' string of four consecutive AL batting titles and edged San Diego's Tony Gwynn, who batted .336, for the highest average in the majors.

Chris Bando's RBI single in the 11th inning gave the Oakland Athletics their Major League-leading 99th victory, 4-3 over Kansas City.

The Athletics, though hampered by injuries for much of the season, won only five games less than last year. They host Toronto tomorrow night in the opening of the American League playoffs.

Results

National League			
Philadelphia	5	Montreal	3
New York	7	Pittsburgh	3
Houston	2	Cincinnati	0
Chicago	2	St. Louis	1
San Diego	3	San Francisco	0
(1) Los Angeles	3	Atlanta	1
(2) Los Angeles	4	Atlanta	postponed
American League			
Boston	5	Minnesota	1
Detroit	3	New York	3
Baltimore	7	Toronto	5
Cleveland	1	Chicago	0
Oakland	4	Kansas City	3
Seattle	3	Minnesota	1
California	4	Texas	3

Standings

Final standings of Major League baseball teams after games played on Sunday (tabulate under won, lost, winning percentage, games back):

American League				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	89	73	.549	-
Baltimore	87	75	.537	2
Boston	83	79	.512	6
Milwaukee	81	81	.500	8
New York	74	87	.460	14 1/2
Cleveland	73	89	.451	16
Detroit	59	103	.364	30
National League				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	93	69	.574	-
New York	87	75	.537	6
St. Louis	86	76	.531	7
Montreal	81	81	.500	12
Pittsburgh	74	88	.457	19
Philadelphia	67	95	.414	26
Western Division				
San Francisco	82	70	.538	-
San Diego	89	73	.549	3
Houston	86	76	.531	6
Los Angeles	77	83	.481	14
Cincinnati	75	85	.463	17
Atlanta	63	97	.394	28

Karpov resumes quest for Kasparov's crown

LONDON, Oct. 2. (Reuters): Four of the world's top chess players meet in London this evening in the semifinals of a contest to provide the next challenger for the world championship, now held by Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union.

Former champion Anatoly Karpov, now the world number two, will play fellow Soviet grandmaster Arthur Yusupov while Britain's Jon Speelman meets Jan Timman of the Netherlands.

The winners of the two elimination matches will be pitted in the candidates' final in Britain in January for the seat opposite Kasparov in the next world title series.

Karpov, 38, is bidding to take part in a record fifth final. He took the title in 1975 when Bobby Fischer of the United States declined to defend his championship and held it for 10 years until he was beaten by Kasparov.

Kasparov also defeated him in finals in 1986 and 1987.

Yusupov is ranked 14th in the world standings and was beaten by Karpov in the 1988 Soviet championships, but is regarded as a touch prospect for the former champion if Karpov should play below his best.

Karpov and Yusupov were both members of the Soviet team which won the last Chess Olympiad when the Netherlands was second and Britain third.

Timman, who missed the Olympiad to prepare for the world championship candidates' semifinals, is ranked eighth-equal in the world ratings. His British opponent Speelman is rated 13th.

The Dutch player is regarded as the most successful in the West since Fischer retired and was also a semifinalist in the candidates' series in 1986.



Cuba's Pedro Reyes (right) reacts after being hit by Soviet Yuri Arbachakov. Reyes lost the fight. (Reuters wirephoto)



Otto Andreas of East Germany is ready to hit Igor Ruzhnikov of the Soviet Union. Ruzhnikov won the bout. (Reuters wirephoto)

Maske stuns Romero for boxing gold

MOSCOW, Oct. 2. (AP): Henry Maske of East Germany, moving up in weight, defeated Pablo Romero of Cuba a third World Amateur Boxing Championships title last night.

Clutching and counter-punching, Maske scored an 18-11 decision over Romero in the 178-pound class.

Romero had won gold medals at 178 in the World Championships at Munich in 1982 and at Reno, Nevada, 1986. Maske was a silver medalist in the 1986 pounds.

Maske was the only one of five East German finalists to win. The Soviet Union gained five gold medals, four of them last night, in the 12 finals held over two days, and Cuba won four titles. Romania won one.

Eric Griffin was the only US gold medalist. He won the 106-pound title Saturday night by keeping the pressure on Togelio Martel of Cuba for a 17-13 decision.

The left-handed Griffin, the only US boxer to reach the finals, had predicted he would win the championship after the first of his four wins in the tournament.

"As I said I wanted to make the US team proud of me and also the people back home," Griffin said. "Now I'm world champion. I never felt this way before because now I have joy in my life."

Griffin, who lost to Michael Carbajal in the 1988 Olympic trials final, was barred from the box-offs after testing positive for marijuana during the trials. Carbajal won a silver medal at Seoul.

Real win, Barcelona suffer another blow

Milan seek to boost battered morale

LONDON, Oct. 2. (Reuters): AC Milan's disastrous 3-0 defeat in Naples yesterday has left the club desperate for the return of injured Dutch international Marco van Basten for next weekend's Italian League away match against Cremonese.

"The team is playing well but doesn't deliver, it doesn't convert all the hard work into goals...let's hope that Van Basten returns next Sunday to work a miracle," club president Silvano Berlusconi said after the match.

With Ruud Gullit still absent, Milan's remaining Dutch international Frank Rijkaard was moved up into the attack two matches ago, but was substituted at half time yesterday.

Trainer Arrigo Sacchi said he had a stomach complaint, but it was clear Rijkaard, normally a defensive player, is no Van Basten in attack.

While Milan are also missing international Roberto Donadoni, yesterday's defeat was mainly due to the sudden return to form of the Argentine World Cup captain Diego Maradona.

He was particularly happy with his fine solo goal late in the game, the first League goal he has scored at home since hitting two against Ascoli nine months ago.

Inter's three West German internationals, Juergen Klinsmann, Andreas Brehme and Lothar Matthaus put a smile on watching West German manager Franz Beckenbauer's face after starting in a 3-0 win over Roma.

"We never seen Mathaus play so well, neither in the Bundesliga nor the national side. He was simply perfect," enthused Beckenbauer.

Inter trainer Giovanni Trapattoni said his team's dismissal from the European Cup in midweek had concentrated his players' mind wonderfully.

Real Madrid began their campaign to reach

peak form before their European Cup second round match against AC Milan by beating Cadiz 4-1 yesterday to become Spanish League leaders.

But coach John Toshack proved hard to please, complaining his team had played well only in the first 25 minutes and missed a lot of opportunities.

Meanwhile crisis-ridden Barcelona suffered another blow yesterday, losing 1-0 to newly promoted Real Mallorca.

With three defeats in three away matches and the prospect of a visit from buoyant Real Madrid on Saturday, the Catalan club's coach Johan Cruyff was left struggling for excuses.

"The bad state of the pitch caused Barcelona's defeat," was the best the harried Dutchman could offer.

Bordeaux led the leadership of the French League to Marseille after conceding a late and hotly disputed penalty in their visit to Paris St. Germain which ended in a 1-1 draw.

Bordeaux' Belgian trainer Raymond Goethals, furious with the decision of referee Michel Vautrot to award PSG a spot kick seven minutes from time when keeper Joseph-Antoine Bell clashed with Paris midfielder Safet Susic, accused the home side of cheating.

It was far from the first time this season that PSG, whose Yugoslav trainer Tomislav Ivic has been heavily criticised for defensive tactics and dull play, have benefited from a questionable penalty.

"It's a scandal," Goethals told reporters. "Yet another penalty for these Parisians. My team played a very good match, scored a lovely goal - all our moves were fair."

Bordeaux, who took the lead through West German striker Klaus Allofs in the 55th minute, now have 18 points from 12 matches. Marseille needed a late goal from substitute Abdoulaye Diallo for a 1-0 home win over

bottom club Brest.

Marseille also have 18 points but have a game in hand and a superior goal difference.

Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven failed to score for the first time this season, but moved to the top of the standings after a 0-0 draw at Twente Enschede.

PSV Eindhoven dominated throughout, but could not find a way past inspired Twente goalkeeper Hand de Koning. They also enjoyed a late let-off when Twente's Dutch international striker Pieter Huistra headed against a post.

PSV lead RKC Waalwijk on goal difference after RKC lost 2-1 at Sparta Rotterdam, thrashed 9-1 at PSV only the previous week.

Ajax won 3-0 at home to FC Utrecht, lifting a little of the gloom hanging over the club after Wednesday's violent scenes at their UEFA Cup tie.

Police arrested five Ajax Amsterdam soccer fans, including a 17-year-old boy thought responsible for hurling an iron bar at Mampsis Austria goalie Franz Wohlfahrt, police said yesterday.

The fans were arrested after a four-day police investigation into the incident at Wednesday's Cup match between the teams, Amsterdam police spokesman Klaas Wiltzing said.

The five, who were not identified, in line with Dutch police practice, all allegedly threw iron bars and wooden sticks onto the pitch near Wohlfahrt's goal. Wiltzing said.

The 17-year-old suspect confessed to throwing the bar that hit the goalie, who sustained a large bruise on his back. Wiltzing said.

The incident occurred 14 minutes into overtime after Memphis score its first goal, tying the score 1-1 and endangering Ajax' berth in the championship's second round.

Because of the hooliganism, Ajax is expected to face severe punishment by the International Federation of Association Football.

Mcadoo steals Ferry's show

ROME, Oct. 2. (AP): It was supposed to be the triumphant home debut of Americans Danny Ferry and Brian Shaw. But Bob Mcadoo stole the show.

A wild, soccer-style capacity crowd of 13,000 jammed the Palausa Arena last night to see the young Ferry and Shaw in their first home game with Messaggero Roma of the Italian Baseball League.

The 38-year-old Mcadoo scored 29 points and helped Phillips Milan to a come-from-behind 96-94 victory.

Shaw scored 31 points and Ferry, who spurred the US professional team the Los Angeles Clippers to sign a \$1.5 million-a-year contract with Messaggero, added 28.

Mcadoo did most of his damage from inside, collecting a game-high nine rebounds in the process. Guard Antonello Riva, who recently signed a multi-year \$5 million contract with Phillips, hit five three-pointers on his way to a game-high 33 points.

MCC take GCL title despite defeat

MOGHUL Cricket Club (MCC) won the GCL Summer League Trophy despite a 25-run defeat against Lanka Lions in the last match of the tournament at the EPI ground on Friday.

MCC finished the tourney with 27 points while Lanka ended the event tied for second place with Falcon on 26 points each. However, Lions were awarded second place as they had taken more wickets in the whole tournament - 57 against 47 by Falcon.

Lions, batting first, scored 120 for the loss of seven wickets in their 17 allotted overs.

Jakdeen and Nihal opened the innings for Lions but the former was soon bowled by the Zahid in the first over of the innings. Ramil joined Nihal and both these batsmen took the score to 92 before the latter lost his wickets for 41.

Ramil went on to score 48. Chulla was the only other batsman to reach the double



The victorious squad with the tournament organizers

figures, scoring 10, as the others kept falling to some accurate bowling.

SPORTS

Jahangir and Jansher set to renew rivalry

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 2, (Reuters): Pakistan's Jahangir Khan and Jansher Khan, world ranked number one and two respectively, look set once again to dominate the World Open Squash Championship which begins tomorrow.

It was Jansher, 20, who beat Jahangir for the title in Birmingham two years ago. The 25-year-old Jahangir, former tournament champion for five successive years, had

earlier lost the crown in 1986 to New Zealand's Ross Norman.

However, Jahangir snatched back the title from Jansher in Amsterdam last year and has since beaten him in six out of nine meetings, including the final of the Pakistan Open a month ago.

The Pakistan Open was Jahangir's last competitive appearance and the lack of match practice could prove a disadvantage.

In the meantime, Jansher has snapped up the Hong Kong and Singapore Open titles.

Jahangir, top seed for the championship, should meet third seed Australian Chris Dittmar in the semifinal.

Jansher's route to the final seems more difficult as his opponents at the same stage could be either Rodney Martin or Chris Robertson. Both Australians have beaten him since he won the world championship

two years ago.

The first eight seedings in the tournament are dominated by Pakistan and Australia, the only outsider being the shock winner of 1986, New Zealand's Norman, seeded sixth.

But Norman, 30, is no longer reckoned as a serious contender. His likely quarterfinal meeting is with Dittmar who has had the measure of him in all the recent meetings.

CHECKS

Amarnath to play in Sharjah

NEW DELHI, Oct 2, (Reuters): All-rounder Mohinder Amarnath, who last year angered the selectors by calling them a "bunch of jokers", has been recalled to the Indian team for a three-nation cricket tournament in Sharjah from October 12 to 20.

Raj Singh, chairman of the selection committee who announced the squad today, told reporters that Amarnath had been included in the team on the basis of his recent performances.

Former captain Dilip Vengsarkar was also included in the squad. He lost the captaincy after taking part in an unauthorised North American tour which followed a 4-0 Test series drubbing in West Indies earlier this year.

Two other players to return to the team are Manoj Prabhakar, a medium pace bowler and hard-hitting batsman, and opening batsman Raman Lamba.

Dropped

Mohinder called the selectors "a bunch of jokers" after being dropped from the team against the touring New Zealanders last year.

The Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI) reacted by fining him 20,000 rupees (\$1,250) but the fine was revoked recently.

Raj Singh said the team for the Nehru Cup in India, which immediately followed the Sharjah tournament, would be announced later this month.

Squad: Krishnamachari Srikanth (captain), Ravi Shastri (vice captain), Navjot Sidhu, Dilip Vengsarkar, Mohammad Azharuddin, Kapil Dev, Kiran More (wicketkeeper), Chetan Sharma, Manoj Prabhakar, Ajay Sharma, Sanjay Manjrekar, Mohinder Amarnath, Arshad Ayub, Raman Lamba.



Longo on her way to the world record. (Reuters wirephoto)

Longo sets record

MEXICO CITY, Oct 2, (AP): French champion Jeannie Longo set a new high-altitude world record in the one-hour trial yesterday, bicycling 46.352 kilometres (28 miles) to break her own record before saying she would retire from competitive cycling next month.

She had set the previous women's record, 44.933 kilometres, in 1987 in Colorado. Yesterday's record officially was announced at 46 kilometres (28

miles) and 352.68 metre, but still must be ratified internationally.

During yesterday's one-hour ride she also broke the records for the women's 10-kilometre and 20-kilometre (12 miles) rides.

She rode 10 kilometres (6.2 miles) in 12:59.507, bettering her own previous time of 13:13.21, and rode 20 kilometres (12 miles) in 25:59.963, breaking her old record of 26:41.013.



Longo holds up the French flag after setting the record. (Reuters wirephoto)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Federation Cup

TOKYO, Oct 2, (AP): French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario trounced Nathalie Tauziat 6-4, 6-2 today as second-seeded Spain beat France 3-0 in the first round of the Federation Cup women's tennis tournament.

Best goalkeeper

MILAN, Italy, Oct 2, (Reuters): Italy's Walter Zenga was given an award yesterday as the world's best goalkeeper for the 1988-89 season, officials of his club Internazionale Milan said.

Fateful semifinal

LONDON, Oct 2, (Reuters): Liverpool's players were not informed about the scale of the Hillsborough disaster at their fateful English FA Cup semifinal against Nottingham Forest in April, it was disclosed yesterday.

Soccer inquiry

LONDON, Oct 2, (Reuters): The English Football Association (FA) launched an inquiry today into crowd trouble involving Birmingham City soccer supporters at Blackpool on Saturday.

Yankee outfielder

MILWAUKEE, Oct 2, (AP): New York Yankees outfielder Luis Polonia, who pleaded no contest six weeks ago to a charge of having sex with a 15-year-old girl at a Milwaukee hotel, faces sentencing after the Yankees completed their season.

Non-drinker Lendl

BORDEAUX, France, Oct 2, (Reuters): Non-drinker Ivan Lendl won 1,989 bottles of wine for beating Emilio Sanchez of Spain in straight sets in the final of the \$255,000 Bordeaux Men's Tennis Grand Prix yesterday.

Top seeds

STOCKHOLM, Oct 2, (Reuters): Ivan Lendl, Stefan Edberg and Andre Agassi will be the top seeds at the Stockholm Open next month when the tournament is played in the city's spherical Globe Arena for the first time, the organisers said today.

Golf club

WASHINGTON, Oct 2, (Reuters): The all-male Burning Tree Club, an exclusive golf club in Maryland near the US capital where Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and Jerry Ford teed off, today lost a Supreme Court appeal challenging a state law that forces it to accept women.

Horses stolen

BOLGHERI, Italy, Oct 2, (Reuters): Thieves broke into a Tuscan racing stable at night and took nine thoroughbreds worth over 500 million lire (\$365,000), police said today.

Club record

LONDON, Oct 2, (Reuters): English First Division soccer team Coventry paid a club record £800,000 (\$1.3 million) for a Glasgow Rangers striker Kevin Drinkell today.

£100,000 prize

LONDON, Oct 2, (Reuters): The World Matchplay Championship at Wrexham next week will offer the first £100,000 (\$161,000) prize in European golf, organisers said today.

Gilbert takes fifth title

Jarryd pays for series of errors



Gilbert returns shot to Jarryd. (Reuters wirephoto)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 2, (Reuters): Brad Gilbert of the United States won his fifth title of the year yesterday, beating Sweden's Anders Jarryd 7-5 6-2 to take the \$415,000 San Francisco Grand Prix men's tennis tournament.

The third seeded Gilbert, who won \$59,500 for his victory, used his foot speed and first serve to gain the edge on Jarryd.

Gilbert and Jarryd fought to 5-5 in the first set before Gilbert served out to love to reach 6-5. Gilbert then took advantage of a series of errors by Jarryd to reach set point.

But Gilbert needed four set points before he could clinch the first set 7-5 when Jarryd hit a forehand wide.

Gilbert's passing shots continued to unnerve the aggressive

play of the Swede in the second set, although both players traded breaks in the third and fourth games. Gilbert broke through again for a 4-2 lead with a backhand return down the line and held for 5-2 after fighting off break points as Jarryd missed volleys.

Gilbert squandered three match points as Jarryd served and volleyed his way out of danger. But Gilbert clinched the victory on his fourth match point as Jarryd volleyed a low return into the net.

"The key was I played very aggressively on the big points," Gilbert said. "I was taking some chances."

Jarryd, who won \$29,750, admitted Gilbert has been something of a nemesis. The two have now played six times with Jarryd winning only the first match.

Nunn arrested

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Oct 2, (UPI): International Boxing Federation world middleweight champion Michael Nunn was arrested yesterday for grabbing a police officer who was trying to arrest his mother. Nunn, 26, was charged with assault and was released after posting \$115 bond. His mother, Madies Nunn, 49, was accused of striking police officer Martin Lopez on the head with a high-heeled shoe, causing a cut that required stitches. She was charged with assault with injuries.

Organising committee meets
Important issues discussed

THE Higher Organising Committee for the Peace and Friendship Games, to be held in Kuwait, on Monday reviewed a number of important issues related to the event.

This was the 16th meeting of the committee and was chaired by the deputy chairman Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed. The committee approved the minutes of the 15th meeting and also discussed the visit of Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, the head of the committee, to the organising committee's headquarters.

Sheikh Nasser had also visited all the branch committees. The meeting also discussed proposals made by Sheikh Nasser.

The issue of marketing advertisements at tournament venues also came under discussion. These advertisements are to be posted at all grounds and halls where various events will take place. The committee decided to give the responsibility for this task to an international company.

The committee praised the enthusiasm shown by all officials connected with the Games in trying to exert all their efforts to ensure the success of the event. In this connection the main points of a meeting held by Sheikh Fahd with all the sports clubs, union directors and general secretaries were also reviewed.

Sheikh Fahd also explained the significance of the holding of these Games and explained to the



visited Sheikh Fahd at the committee headquarters. Sheikh Duaij called on all sportsmen and other officials to assist the committee in order to achieve maximum success in the holding of the Games.

In a related development, the Kuwait Volleyball Federation decided that the final training session for the volleyball squad would be held from Oct 29 until Nov 5 and that the training camp would be held at the Qadisiya stadium.

The Higher Committee has meanwhile, decided that no games would be henceforth held at the Kazma stadium in order to prepare the venue for the opening ceremonies and also hold practice sessions for the background displays.

Kuwait's football team, meanwhile, was hit by injury to Yousef Suwayed, who will now require at least a week to recover before he can start training again. Dr Abdul Majeed Al Banai, who is attached to the Kuwait national team, said the Suwayed would be well in a week and that two other players were also on the injury list. Wael Suleman has suffered a fracture on his left leg while Adel Marzouq was reported to have injured his right knee.

On the brighter side, Kuwait will benefit from the services of Sameer Saeed and Ghanem Gali who have recovered from their injuries and returned to training.

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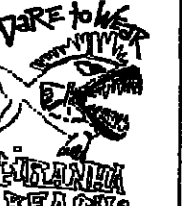
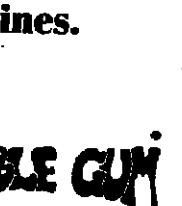
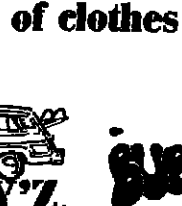
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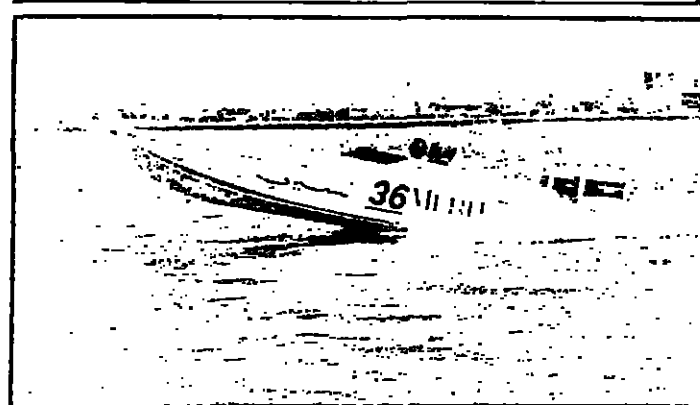
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Sayafe tries out his powerboat

Sayafe starts practice

KUWAIT'S Hosam Al Sayafe has now arrived in Dubai to begin his preparations for the powerboat season opener, which takes place on October 6. Sayafe towed his 27ft Merit Gulfcraft to Dubai as part of a convoy of six other Kuwait entrants, and will spend the week checking the boat and practising with co-pilot Martin Bergman.

The Dubai races have already claimed a place as the highspots of the Gulf racing season, and offer huge sums of prize money to competitors who travel from as far afield as America, UK and Australia to take part. Sayafe, who is making his third outing with the Merit Gulfcraft, took fourth place in the January race, and hopes to match or better this result on Friday. He also managed to notch eighth place in May, despite severe engine problems which stopped him more than once during the race.

The Merit driver has gained a reputation as a courageous and tenacious racer, and his boat, powered by two Johnson V8 engines should couple the advantages of stability and speed. These factors are especially important in Dubai, where seas are expected to be rougher than those generally found in Kuwait, and where top international competition makes those top honours harder to grasp.

"The boat is ready now, and has had a complete overhaul since last season," said Sayafe. "We will be racing for as high a finish as possible, but we will have to wait and see. Lots of competitors will be entering new boats this time, but there are always some who will push too hard and break their engines. No-one can win a race if they don't make it to the finish line."

Dubai is allowing boats with inboard engines to compete for the first time, and has also stiffened its rules in order to comply with the international regulations of the UIM, the body which governs this sport in Europe. The Merit duo welcome this trend. "We must move into line with the rest of the world. Dubai is taking the lead, and all other clubs should follow their example."

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